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LIMITING ARMAMENTS.

GREAT HOPES OF GENEVA CONFERENCE.

SOVIET SCHEME AIRED.

Destruction of All Means of Warfare.

INTENSE PROPAGANDA FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT URGED.

For the first time the Soviet has been represented at the preliminary Disarmament Conference at Geneva.

At the opening session yesterday M. Litvinoff, the chief Soviet delegate, made a long statement urging the absolute destruction of all means of warfare and a campaign having for its object complete disarmament and intense propaganda for peace and disarmament.

The statement has already been criticised as impracticable. Meanwhile both Russia and the United States have signified that they will not be members of the proposed security committee.

BRITAIN'S GREAT REDUCTIONS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Twenty-six nations including the first time delegates of all Great Powers are represented at the Preparatory Disarmament Commission which opens its session at Geneva to-day. In the year the Commission was engaged on drafting questions that might serve as a basis for the main conference.

In the absence of an agreement work on the draft was delayed and will not be resumed until the present meeting has reviewed the present position and has considered the appointment of a security committee as recommended by the eighth meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations.

The Assembly's resolution urged that such a committee should be charged with the study under the direction of the Commission of the best methods of giving all countries the guarantee of arbitration and security necessary to enable them to fix the level of their armaments at the lowest possible figure.

Britain's Great share. The British newspapers generally are devoting much attention to the proceedings at Geneva and display a unanimous desire both for economy and the less materialistic reason that a specific progress on international basis should be made towards limiting armaments.

As for Britain's share, it is recognised that acting independently of all international agreements Britain has made sweeping reductions in her armed forces during recent years.

On land she immediately cancelled conscription when the war ended and has since reduced her army. On sea in spite of Imperial commitments and duties in all parts of the world her forces have been reduced to an unprecedented extent.—British Wireless Service.

OPENING SCENES.

Elaborate Precautions at the Glass Hall.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Preparatory Disarmament Conference opened at 11.15 this morning the Glass Hall being packed, Jonkheer, London (Holland), presiding. Remarkable precautions were taken, not a single car being allowed to be parked in the court yard of the Secretariat building which is usually full of cars. The street running parallel to the Hall was closed to the public who were excluded from the Hall.

Besides the United States the Soviet of Russia and 24 Governments were represented at the Conference.

Jonkheer, London, in his opening speech, hoped that all delegates would cordially co-operate in the task of the Conference of forming a sub-committee to deal with the problems of security and arbitration.

M. Politis was elected Vice-President.

No Progress Made.

M. Litvinoff read a long statement asserting that no progress had been made in disarmament according to the views of the Soviet scheme, in which he entirely agreed, was that it ought to be postponed until the matter of dis-

armament and intense propaganda for peace and disarmament.

Mr. Litvinoff proposed the complete abolition of all land, marine, and air forces and the destruction of all means of warfare, and the legislative prohibition of military propaganda and military training. Alternatively, he proposed that complete disarmament should be carried out by all the contracting States simultaneously but gradually during four years.

He moved a resolution in favour of the immediate working out of a draft Convention for complete general disarmament and the convention not later than March, 1928, of a Disarmament Conference to discuss and confirm the proposals of the Convention.

M. Litvinoff was heard respectively, but the scheme was much criticised in the lobbies.

Security Committee.

M. Litvinoff declared that the Soviet would not participate in membership of the Security Committee which it has been proposed to establish to deal with the political problems and disarmament.

Mr. Wilson, on behalf of the United States, stated that the United States will also not participate but will consider its recommendations.

Discussion Deferred.

In the afternoon the President proposed the postponement of the discussion of the Russian statement.

M. Litvinoff objected, but M. Paul Boncour appealed for Russian co-operation and then argued that the Russian plan was impracticable.

Count von Bernstorff (Germany) moved that it be discussed on the second reading of the draft Convention on Disarmament, the date of which should be fixed.

M. Lunacharsky eventually agreed.

M. Litvinoff, speaking in English, said that the Soviet delegates would do their best to work with others, and would support every proposal leading to disarmament. It would be difficult for him to discuss security until he had also discussed the preparatory work, but at present he did not press for a general discussion on disarmament.—Reuter.

[The proposal to establish a Security Committee provides that the Committee shall consist of representatives of the States who are members of the Preparatory Commission, including the United States and Russia if they desire. The Committee will deal with the political problems of disarmament, whilst the Preparatory Commission confines itself to technical aspects.]

Out of Order.

Geneva, Yesterday.

Lord Cushendun, interviewed by Reuter, said that no British delegate participated in the opening meeting of the Preparatory Disarmament Conference because the occasion did not arise. He was of opinion according to the strict rules of procedure, that M. Litvinoff was entirely out of order in submitting proposals. The whole proposal was quite irrelevant to the proceedings. The general view of the Soviet scheme, in which he entirely agreed, was that it ought to be postponed until the matter of dis-

GETS 3 ARMIES.

Cheng Chien Strengthens His Hand.

MAN OF NANKING NOTORIETY.

20,000 Former Hankow Troops Now Surrender.

Hankow, Yesterday. Three armies corps—the 8th 35th and 36th—hitherto supporting the Hankow Government against the Nanking Government have passed under the control of General Cheng Chien, whose command is thereby considerably enlarged.

This has come about through negotiations between General Cheng Chien and General Ho Chien, who commands the Hankow forces now that General Tang Seng-chi has fled, in defeat, to Japan.

The negotiations have occupied some time but have not been concluded.

Yang Sen Mixed Up Too.

General Yang Sen also has a delegate in Hankow, who is discussing matters with General Cheng Chien with regard to the position on the Upper Yangtze, between Ichang and Shashi, and the representative hopes to arrive at a compromise.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu, the former super-leader of the Northern armies, is reported to be sheltering at Kwei-fu, but the Nanking Government has ordered his arrest.—British Naval Wireless.

Effect on Squabble.

The three Hankow armies (say 20,000 bayonets) which have now been taken over by General Cheng Chien for the Nanking Government are mostly in the south of Hunan province and along the Yangtze above Hankow. They did not suffer material casualties in the war with Nanking and their surrender was generally expected, this course being generally followed when one faction is crushed by another. Cheng Chien will be remembered as being in charge of Nanking when the Nationalists captured the city in March and foreigners there were subjected to a series of atrocities. He is squabbling with colleagues for power at Hankow and this surrender to him will strengthen his hands.

UP IN SHANSI.

"Christian General's" Finger in Shansi Pie.

Peking, Yesterday.

Reports from Taiyuan (the capital of Shansi province, which is at war with Peking) state that 2,500 men of the Kuominchun (the "Christian General's" army) have arrived there and established brigade headquarters, issuing a proclamation in the name of the Kuominchun that reinforcements for Shansi (against Peking) are expected at Niantzsekuan Pass shortly.

It is officially stated here that several telegrams have received from General Chang Tsung-chang from Hsuehchow declaring that all is quiet there, and proving that the Nanking Nationalists have not occupied the city.—Reuter.

AIR FORCE.

YEARLY BUILDING OF AEROPLANES.

NO INFORMATION!

Rugby, Yesterday.

Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, stated in the House of Commons, in reply to a question, that of the 755 aeroplanes possessed by the Air Force, none was built before 1919. He declined in the public interest to state how many were built in each year from that date.—British Wireless Service.

armament had progressed much further.

There is general relief in Committee and League circles at the satisfactory issue of the first day's deliberations.

The second reading of the draft of the disarmament Convention, at which the Russian plan is set down for discussion, will probably be taken in January. The present session of the Committee will probably conclude at the week-end.—Reuter

KOWLOON FIRE.

Four Houses Badly Damaged.

BRIGADE'S GOOD WORK.

Lad Rescued From Blazing Buildings.

Involving four houses which were well alight before the alarm was sent to the Fire Brigade, a blaze at Laiching Road, Kowloon, this morning did extensive damage to the buildings affected.

The alarm was given at 5.55 a.m. by telephone from the Shamshui Police station and appliances from Mongkok and Kowloon Fire station were quickly on the scene. The Mongkok appliance arrived within four minutes of the alarm having been given, and within another minute a district call message had been circulated.

Other appliances were then ordered to the fire, the large float from the Hong Kong Fire Station, with Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent, Mr. G. C. Moss and firemen proceeding to the scene.

Fire Escape Rescue.

Very shortly after the arrival of the Mongkok appliance, the Kowloon Fire Station appliances arrived at the fire and with great promptitude a fire escape was slipped and ascended to the second floor of No. 62 where a youth of sixteen, with his escape cut off,

FINE—CLOUDY.

Weather Forecast For To-morrow.

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory this forenoon stated:—

The anticyclone over China has weakened slightly.

Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.

was in danger of being burnt to death. His rescue was effected by one of the Chinese sub-officers.

The four houses were well alight before the arrival of the Brigade and, in getting to work with their hose and motor pumps, the firemen concentrated on checking the fire from spreading to adjoining buildings. They were successful in their endeavours and from the time of their arrival the flames were held in check and no further damage was done.

Roofs Burnt Out.

The hold the flames had obtained before the alarm was given was such, however, that considerable damage had been done to the houses, the roofs of which were burnt out.

The range of four buildings involved (of three floors) covered a total area of forty feet and were used as shops and dwellings, the shops (rattan and cane ware) being on the ground floor. It was apparently among this inflammable material that the fire first started.

Within an hour and a half of the time of call a "stop" message was sent showing that the fire was well in hand and almost extinguished. The appliances, and most of the men were able to return shortly after 3 a.m., but a European sub-officer and a relief of firemen were employed during the morning in extinguishing smouldering ashes.

No One Missing.

The appliances used to extinguish the fire were a hydrant, three motor pumps, and fire float with a total of eight deliveries. No one is reported as missing from among the inmates of the burnt dwellings.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/0 5/16.

HOW TIMES CHANGE.

Keeping on the Side of Winners.

IRONSIDES TAKE SHUING?

"Paperides" in Nanking Now "Homesticks."

Times are changing in Canton in a sense which is not generally known to foreigners.

Since getting into "power" by their recent coup, the Ironsides (mostly Cantonese troops) have broadcast "Support the Nationalist Party" views, and propaganda on these lines has gained them in important capture without having to fight for the same.

Crept Into Shuihing. The doubtful elements, anxious to keep on good terms with the winning side, are now also pledged to give their all for the cause. In fact, a new faction can be said to have sprung up which, for convenience, can be called the "Party Supporters" faction.

The Kwangsi military faction has not recovered from the shock of the coup. They had several thousands of trained men concentrated at Shuihing, 80 miles above Canton, ready to make a stand. Now these men are withdrawing up the West River to Kwangsi; and Ironsides, advancing cautiously along the River banks, have appeared at Shuihing to take over control.

Anomalous Position. General Li Fook-lun, whose troops in Honan are sometimes referred to as the "Paperides," is co-operating with the Ironsides as well as he has done with the many cliques before. However, his 16th division, which is at Nanking, supporting the Nanking Government, is in the anomalous position of being with a rival faction. Pleading "homesticks," this division now want to get back to Canton to rejoin their colleagues.

DEADLY GERMS.

REMARKABLE RESULT OF EXPERIMENTS.

LONGEVITY OF BACILLI.

Rugby, Yesterday. The "Evening Standard" learns that a remarkable result has followed an experiment made with deadly germs by Sir William Simpson, Director at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases. Twenty-six years ago he placed in a test tube bacilli taken from a patient suffering from one of the most dreaded diseases. The tube was sealed, and for all those years has remained so.

Now Sir W. Simpson has devoted his attention to discovering whether the germs are still alive. To his astonishment he found them to be alive. A guinea pig was inoculated with them and, after showing the well-known symptoms of the disease, it died.

Further work is proceeding, it being recognised that in the light of such happening it may become necessary to revise completely the views previously held, on the longevity of bacilli.

It is said that the longest period recorded up to the present in which life has persisted in culture of this kind is one year.—British Wireless Service.

FIRE FROM SHORE.

"PARROT'S BEAK" CHANNEL AGAIN.

"WING ON'S" EXPERIENCE.

The bandits who have recently been giving trouble in the neighbourhood of "Parrot's Beak" Channel, the rather narrow part of the West River delta shortly after entering yesterday opened fire on the s.s. "Wing On" (captained by Capt. Mutton) as the Wuchow boat was on her return trip to Hong Kong. This was late last night.

The "Wing On" was not hit and no harm was done. The object of the firing is hard to determine. It can hardly be that the bandits anticipated the "Wing On" stopping for them to board her; and the probability is that they are merely making themselves "troublesome" in the hope that they may be paid for desisting—presumably by the owners.

The "Shing On" was twice fired on in this neighbourhood recently and two men were hit.

MORPHIA "DEAL?"

The Charge Against Foreigners.

TO-DAY'S EVIDENCE.

Cross-Examination Of Mr. Haynes.

At the resumption this morning of the case against James Christie and Christopher Blum, Mr. J. Haynes continued his evidence.

The telegram he referred to at the previous hearing, he said he saw in Christie's hand in his room at St. George Hotel. At the same time Christie produced another paper which purported to contain the decoded message.

He said that half way through the meeting on November 11 at No. 480 Nathan Road, prices were discussed, and Christie mentioned three different brands. Of these names he could only remember "Hok Nam," and he remembered Au Young saying that he preferred "Swiss."

Previous to this meeting Christie had given witness implicit instructions not to use his name at all but to simply use "Dear Jim" in all letters. Witness was to sign anything but his own name. He (witness) pressed Christie for a suggestion and Christie said "Call it Remington" (the typewriter). Christie also said that when he saw the Chinese he wanted the witness to appear as a French-Canadian, and he should pronounce his name as "Ray-ming-ton."

Witness heard the interpretation in Cantonese but did not understand what was said. He, however, remembered the English interpretation. Au said that \$600 was too much. He said that he was likely to be a regular buyer and hinted that it would be to Christie's advantage to make the price for the first transaction as cheap as possible. Au said "It is to your interest to treat me liberally in this first transaction." In the discussion kilograms were the only measure of weight to be used.

Oil Suggestion Denied.

There was no mention of oil or cases at any time. Christie said that he would deliver at any address in Hong Kong but he absolutely debarred Chinese hotels. He also said that the drug would be brought ashore by a Japanese captain of a Japanese ship. Christie said that Au could ask anybody in the "business" in Hong Kong and he would find that "James Christie's" name was O.K. in any part of China. He had been doing business for 20 years. Christie added "This is a small matter. I have a transaction pending with Chinese in Canton involving \$400,000." Christie then produced a receipt for a deposit of \$100,000, saying that the money was deposited by Chinese military in connection with an arms deal. He offered the document to Au to read and see if that was good enough proof of his (Christie's) bona fides.

By Mr. King: Christie certainly agreed to supply morphia to Au. He said that it was too risky and unprofitable to bring less than 10 kilos. Au said that he would consult his partner and made an appointment for the following afternoon.

While witness was having dinner at about 9 p.m., Christie phoned him and the witness took Christie's words down in shorthand. It ran as follows: "Sir James" and "Remington." "Remington?" and when the witness replied "Yes," Christie proceeded "Sir James speaking. Your man is good but I think he doubts me and has not sufficient faith in you as a guarantor. If he kicks at \$1,000, suggest that he offers a little less. The fact is that I need cash for Blum's expenses. I have some cash on hand, I cannot spare 200 just at present as I don't know how much 'ready' I shall need regarding the other transaction. If we handle him properly he will be a permanent man. Try, Cheerio." The witness reported the matter to the police, handing a typed report of the matter to Sergeant Baker.

On the following day, Saturday, November 12, the witness met Au in the afternoon at 2.45 and they took a car to the house in Nathan Road arriving there at 8 o'clock. By Mr. King: At the interview on the 12th Blum did not take any part in the conversation. He sat a few feet away.

Another interview. Proceeding, the witness said that both accused were present when he and Au arrived. Karin Din was also there. There was no typist and no office boy. After shaking hands, Christie said "How about it." Au said that his partner was in Canton and would not be back until the following Tuesday or Wednesday night, and he was not prepared to make any deposit without his partner's consent. Christie said that he was disappointed as he had arranged for Blum to go to Shanghai via Swatow on the following morning and pressed Au for \$1,000 saying "You are no good. If you really mean business you would not object about the \$1,000. Most people would consider themselves lucky to get this cargo even if they had to deposit the full value."

Au still refused, and Christie said "Well, in that case, if you want me to keep Blum back for two days I must ask you to let me have \$200 at once as proof of your good faith."

BOYCOTT EASES.

Trouble On The Upper Yangtze.

ONLY ONE FIRM AFFECTED.

Sequel To Refusal Of Passage To General.

Ichang, Yesterday. The boycott here, which came into effect on Monday, by the lightermen, is not serious, as only one firm has been affected.—British Naval Wireless.

A Chinese general and his bodyguard wished to take passage on a British river steamer from Ichang down the Yangtze to Shashi, which is 83 miles below, Shashi being 287 miles above Hankow. Passage was refused by the British Senior Naval Officer of the Upper Yangtze, presumably on the master of the steamboat asking for his assistance.

A lightning strike and boycott was put into operation in Ichang, ostensibly in retaliation against the refusal.

Effect of Recent Troubles. That part of the Yangtze above Hankow, between Shashi and Ichang, is the scene of continual troop movements. At present, General Yang Sen and other leaders are taking advantage of the recent diversion at Hankow to move down the River for what they can get. Most of these adventurers profess allegiance to the Nanking generals now in control at Hankow, but some of the defeated units formerly under the Hankow Government are trying to settle down here.

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Au said that he did not have \$200 on him, whereupon Christie said that Kay could go with him to his office and get the money. Au replied that it was not a question of paying \$200, but, frankly, he thought he should consult his partner before doing anything at all.

Request For Loan.

During this interview Christie wrote a chit and passed it to the witness, it read "Can you let me have \$10?" Although the witness had \$80, he shook his head. Christie tore the chit and wrote another "I need cash badly. If we can get \$1,000 out of this fellow, you can have \$100." This chit Christie also tore up after the witness had read it.

Then witness and Au left.

Papa Knows the Game.

The next morning the witness went to No. 5, Victoria Gardens at 10.30 a.m. Christie's room was open, but he was not there. On a table was a note in an envelope addressed to "L. Remington, Esq." It was in Christie's handwriting. The witness then went to Nathan Road and there he accused. The first thing said was that he was appointed that the \$200 had not succeeded, and must now keep to the \$1,000. Then Christie's witness "There are things I want to tell you of the man again as a witness, and please don't want a second 'this affair.' He wanted any motor car, a neighbourhood of outside shops for your man is good as him yet, but it is taking to get \$1,000 out of him. I did to get \$15,000 quids out of Australian in Manchester with more cargo in existence than I have dollars in my hands at the present moment. Papa knows the same my boy."

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CHINESE MIND.

A GLIMPSE OF ITS VAGARIES.

SOLUTION IMPOSSIBLE.

I do not propose to guide you through the maze of the Celestial mind, or, to unravel its tortuous knots, but rather to give a glimpse of its vagaries and peculiarities; to attempt to solve the Chinese mind is impossible.

Not until the old order of things, by that I mean the fear of imaginary evil spirits, the ancestral worship, and above all that which is so deeply rooted in the Chinese character, the "squeeze system", is eliminated, will the Chinese no longer be an enigma.

For these things influence the Chinese thought and life tremendously, and I rather think to eliminate them would be like asking the Creator to evolve a new race! The Chinese being the most conservative race on earth, living in the past, and in their attitude and methods centuries behind the times are as yet, little influenced by Western thought and practice. In fact it is doubtful if Western thought and education can ever remove the peculiar and meandering way of thinking and doing things from the Chinese psychology, or be at the best, more than a heavy veneer.

Courage and cowardice, cunning and temerity, kindness and cruelty, are all components of the Chinese mind weighted down with apathy and fatalism; yet withal he is generous and courteous, and hates any kind of trouble and disturbance. He is not very amenable to the pretty restrictions and rules as laid down in civil law, whether they are his own or those of another country in which he happens to be staying.

To avoid these restrictions, he will do his utmost, with the temerity of a child, and upon discovery pay his fine or forfeiture with nonchalance. He seems from sheer perversity and contrariness to view these laws as something entirely unnecessary, and only made that he may break them.

One may point out to him that such and such a thing is permissible, but that on no account is so and so allowed. He will thank one courteously for the trouble one has taken, but when one has gone, will conveniently forget all about it and think him a fool for taking the trouble.

Even when he has paid the penalty of his omission with a heavy fine he will commit the same offence a few weeks later, and so he goes along, until one almost despairs of his intelligence. The Chinese are probably the greatest gamblers on earth; there is nothing he likes better in his spare time than a flutter at "Fan-tan" "Ma-cheuk" or cards.

A propos his love of gambling, when he wishes to buy jade for commercial purposes he and other probable purchasers go along to the merchants, and the merchants hold a sort of informal auction, without the auctioneer. Whilst playing "Ma-cheuk" and drinking tea, a block of jade, rough from the mines, covered in extraneous matter, is brought in. "No one knows the true value of the jade within the crust, but bids are made on the probable value; the block may be sold for \$100, \$300, or \$1,000, and there may be double the value of the mineral within the dross; or, on the contrary there may not be a third of the purchase price. No one cares; if bought at a loss, "Maskee! better luck next time!" John is nothing if not a good loser.

In passing it may be interesting to add that a surprising amount of business is done, and much property changes hands over a game of apparently absorbing "Ma-cheuk". The casual observer would think it impossible under such noisy and distracting influences.

An inherent characteristic of the Chinese is to make "squeeze", or from our point of view, questionable profit, on every business or monetary transaction, big or small. Every one, from one's cook-boy to a "tuchan" or governor of a province, makes his "squeeze" and allows for its payment—if necessary—in his profit and loss account, to facilitate his business.

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To seek the help of the Navy is no practical use, for though the boats may reach port, the contractor is unable to sell his odoriferous cargo, owing to the boycott that the enterprising pirate has instigated!

One wonders why no action is taken by the Chinese government to eradicate these gentlemen of the "Jolly Roger." Tu-chans in the past have been conveniently unaware of the fraternities' existence, and found them a lucrative augmentation of their official salaries!

Chinese generals have also found them very useful when their star is on the wane, and the taking of a prosperous town is imperative.

With his own tools, and in his own way, the Chinese is a clever, patient and pains-taking craftsman. These admirable qualities, however unaccountable disappear when engaged on work of essentially Western character. Unless constantly watched and supervised, chicanery and sharp practice and the scamping of detail are prevalent.

Prevarication is his long suit. When present at the Kowloon Magistracy some few months ago, I was highly amused at a little scene therein enacted.

A diminutive Chinese had been arrested by a huge Indian constable for cutting seedlings in a plantation by a highway. The policeman had given his evidence, and the accused was asked if he had any questions to ask the former. He had not, but he put forward the plea that the Indian constable had cut the seedlings himself, and as he, the prisoner, was passing by, had seized him, put the wood upon his shoulders, and arrested him!

The expression on the burly Indian's face when this statement was interpreted to him, was worth seeing, and his incoherent exclamations in Hindustani could not be recorded here!

"Feng-shui" or geomancy (the nearest English equivalent) in which every Chinese firmly believes, plays a great part in the life of the people. Dyer Ball defines it as, "The art of adapting the residences of the living and the dead so as to harmonise with the local currents of the cosmic breath."

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In connection with this superstition, which, by the way, is linked with the worship of ancestors; I will give an illustration from "Things Chinese," of the way it baulks modern progress.

—when it was proposed to construct a telegraph between Canton and Hong Kong, the ground of the opposition was as follows: Canton is "The City of Rams' mouth" of the river is known as the "Tiger's Mouth," and the district opposite Hong Kong is the "City of Nine Dragons." (Kau lung).

"What more unfortunate combination could be found—a telegraph line to lead the sheep right into the tiger's mouth, and amongst the nine dragons!"—R.H.T. in "The Red Triangle."

PORK FAT.

Unfit For Human Consumption.

A Chinese was yesterday charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy with the possession, with a view to sale of a quantity of pork which was unfit for human consumption.

The accused said that it was his intention to convert the pork fat into lard and to mix it with ox fat.

This lard, the accused said, would be used for painting ships, or it could be used for making tallow. He did not contemplate making any other use of the tainted meat.

The Magistrate gave an adjournment on the application of a Sanitary Inspector who said that another summons would be taken out against the accused.

THOUGHTS AT FORTY.

In the care of his health a man, it has been said, is either a fool or a physician at 40. For the average man it should not be difficult to be healthy and in his prime at that age. With the weaker sex the case is different, for this age is liable to bring with it anxieties and health trials; nevertheless, many women suffer more than they need.

Actually, whether the individual be a man or woman, if the ailment arise from anaemia, nervousness, indigestion, or flimsy health connected with a faulty blood-supply, the remedy is new blood. So, if blood troubles have assailed you, if your nerves are weak, if you lack stamina, and your health is not what it should be, you can enjoy new health by the simple expedient of renewing your blood.

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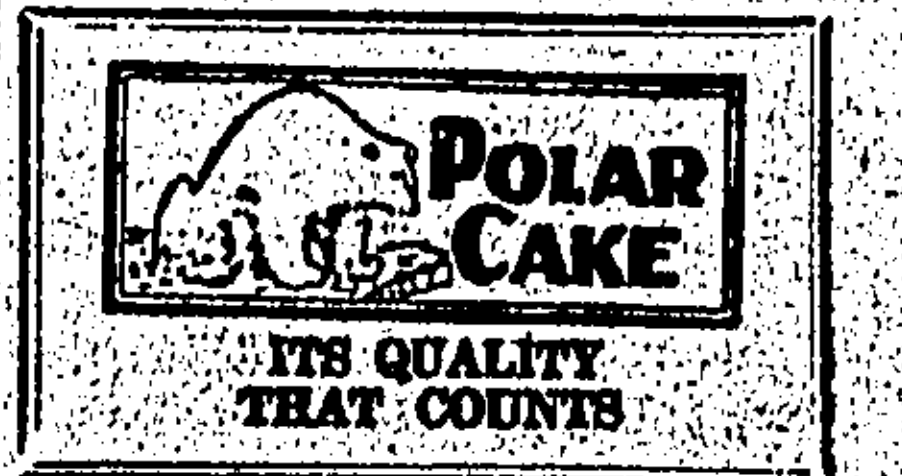
OXFORD IN DANGER.

BECOMING AN INDUSTRIAL CITY.

A serious danger (not the new film: we are getting hardened to publicity) has been threatening Oxford for some time past. It consists of the possible or probable transformation of the Oxford we know into a great industrial city. It may be the inevitable result of Oxford's strategic position on the railway and road systems of the country; but it has come upon us more suddenly than anyone foresaw owing, in the first instance, to the wonderful growth of "Morris Motors." The symptoms of it are obvious everywhere—the workers' township spreading round Cowley, the settlement of allied industries in the neighbourhood, the immense and perilous increase of traffic in the streets, the discussion in the City Council of a Bill to include the adjacent villages within the boundaries of a city that is soon to boast 150,000 inhabitants. At the same time Oxford is becoming more and more popular as a residential area. Houses of all kinds have been springing up in the once empty fields of Headington, Cumnor, Hinksey, Sunningwell, Wootton; and a few weeks ago (says "The Observer" correspondent) came the announcement that one of the last big open spaces on Boar's Hill—Lord Berkeley's estate—has been sold to a company which proposes to develop it as a new "garden suburb."

Nobody, of course, dislikes industrial development. Oxford citizens are rather proud of the Morris car. But it is essential that the growth of the city should not be allowed to proceed without check or design, till almost every open space is covered with houses, till there are scarcely any woods or meadows left, till it is difficult from any viewpoint on the encircling hills to see the spires and towers of Oxford, till Oxford, in fact, becomes like—some business town in the North. If that happens, something very vital to Oxford, whether it be regarded as an historic English city or a place of education, will be lost for ever. But it can be saved, the last essential spaces secured, the design imposed. There is just enough time, and, surely there will be enough money.

London, Nov. 13.—An elegant squad of detectives in evening dress and with large poppy button-holes paid a surprise visit at one o'clock in the morning to the exclusive Chez Victor Night Club in the West End and took the names of the members present, including Peers, M.P.'s and prominent society and theatrical people. The detectives sampled the liquors in the members' glasses and then departed quietly.



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**SHIPPING****SECTION.****NEW SPEED BOAT.****ACCIDENT OCCURS AT TESTING.**New York City, Nov. 22.
Disclosure of the successful testing out of a new long-distance speed boat came to-day almost simultaneously with an accident which may put the craft out of commission for some time.

The vessel is of the torpedo speed-boat type. It was designed by P. O. Hannes, well known plane designer.

On Sunday, it was revealed to-day, Mrs. William B. Leeds piloted the craft at a speed of sixty-three miles an hour with twenty passengers aboard at Cold Springs Harbor.

Announcement was made that those interested in the craft intended to send the "Fantail" as it is called, to San Francisco to race to Honolulu in an effort to break existing speed records some time during the winter or next spring.

Shortly after this announcement, however, the "Fantail" hit a log while speeding in Long Island Sound. Some damage was done. It will require extensive inspection to determine exactly how severe the damage was.—United Press.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in harbour this morning:

North Arm Basin, Witherington, Stormcloud, Sterling, Nessus and Cicala; South Wall Basin, Peterel, Tern and Subs. L2 and L4; East Wall Basin, Subs. L1, L15 and L20; North Arm, French; West Wall Dock, Titania, L2, L3, Vivern and Veteran; In Docks, St. Monance, Cherub and L7, L8 and L19; Buoy 1, Argus; Buoy 4, Herald; Buoy 6, Iroquois; Buoy 7, Marazion; Buoy 8, Ambrose and Subs. L2, L27 and L38; Buoy 10, Scraph; Buoy 11, Scraph and Sirdar; Buoy L2, Somme; Buoy 13, Bruce; Buoy 20, Belgol; Buoy 26, Kharki; Buoy A26, Ruthenia. Also, in port, U.S.S. Pampanga.

A COLLISION.

The Nanyo Yusen Kaisha steamer "Macassar Maru," on leaving the harbour for Northern ports and Japan, collided with the s/s "Certye," causing damage but no loss of life.

BRIGHT LIGHTS.

For using bright lights for fishing purposes outside the prescribed limits, viz., in Lyemum Pass, two masters of trading junks were fined \$5 each at the Marine Court this morning.

STOPS CROUP.

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MENACE TO DAIREN.**PLAN OF NEW MANCHURIAN PORT.**Peking, Nov. 7.
The plan of the Mukden authorities to develop Hulan Island as a port (ice free), which undertaking is now definitely to be started, had been delayed because of considerations of conflict of interests with Japan. It had been also suspected that the plan was one in which Britain and America are interested, though it had been given out by the Mukden authorities that the object in view was the development of Manchuria and Mongolia.

Now that the Tahushan-Tung-liao and Mukden-Haicheng Railways have been completed, the construction of a port in Hulan Island is regarded as a matter of urgent necessity in order to afford an outlet for the goods carried by those railways.

The construction of the proposed harbour facilities will cost 30,000,000 yuan or more, and the enterprise has been regarded as rather too big for the Mukden authorities to undertake alone.

It has been suspected that the object of constructing the port is to check the forward policy of Japan in Manchuria and Mongolia. If the port is improved as planned, it will clearly become a formidable rival to Dairen, and the plan is regarded consequently as an obstacle to the Sino-Japanese negotiations in regard to Manchuria and Mongolia.

Hulan Island is situated off the Hulan Promontory, across the northern section of the Gulf of Pechili from the prosperous port of Newchwang—that is, at the entrance to Lienshan Bay. It is seven miles from Lienshan Station, on the Peking-Mukden Railway, and is connected with that line by a branch railway. It is an ice free port, with a considerable depth of water and giving ample room for anchorage. It has long been regarded as a valuable natural harbour, and Li Hung-chang, the great statesman of the Ching Dynasty, attempted to have the place developed as a commercial port, but without success.—"Osaka Mainichi."

COMMONWEALTH STEAMERS.**A London Comment.**

The shipping journal "Fairplay" states:—"It, as has been reported, the Commonwealth Line had been unable to cover working expenses, leaving nothing for depreciation or interest, its transfer to a private company under the Commonwealth flag at a low value will not do much good. The line has been very well managed, and under existing circumstances and labour conditions it will either have to be continued as at present—which will probably happen—or be sold for what it will fetch without any restriction."

When the latest improvements—another seven and a half miles of quays—are completed, Antwerp will be the largest port in the world.

SHIP SALE.**U.S. BOARD POSTPONES DECISION.**Washington, Nov. 22.
The Shipping Board to-day postponed its decision on the sale of its three remaining Pacific lines.

A special meeting will be called probably this week to complete discussions on the proposed sale. The lines under discussion are the American, Australian and Orient, the American Oriental Mail and the Oregon Oriental.

Disagreement among the members of the board as to the period of operation of the lines—caused the postponement. The board's sub-committee yesterday suggested a compromise under which the lines would be advertised under two contracts, one calling operation for five years and the other for ten years, with the board accepting the bid irrespective of whether it was for the five or ten year period of operation. Members of the board said that the compromise was practically certain to be accepted.

President Coolidge desires to build up the merchant marine so that it will adequately serve as a second line of defence as well as for carrying cargoes to foreign ports, but he believes that it would be useless to suggest to congress again a subsidy such as was proposed during the Harding administration. He is studying other avenues with a view to the recommendation he will make to congress in December.—Associated Press.

NEW GERMAN LINERS.

Construction of the two new express liners to be added to the Bremen-New York service of the North German Lloyd is now well under way, and the vessels will be ready for service in the first half of 1929. They are to have a gross register of between 46,000 and 48,000 tons and will have a speed sufficient to enable them to make the run from New York to the Channel ports in five days. One of these new liners, the "Europa," is being built by the A. G. Weser at Bremen and the other, which is to be named the "Bremen," is being built by Blohm and Voss at Hamburg. News that work has actually been started on the two vessels is especially interesting in view of the various reports that have been in circulation to the effect that the company had decided to defer their construction and might revise the plans so as to provide for much smaller vessels.

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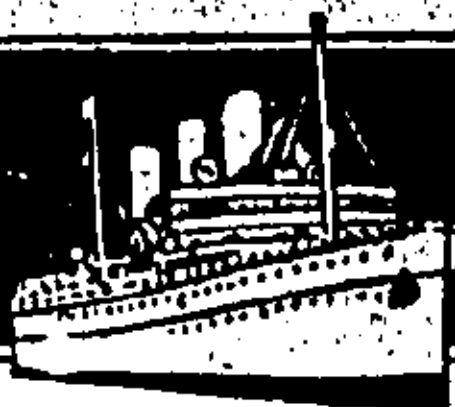
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BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo. Sunday, 4th December.

CELEBES MARU (calls at Karachi) ... Thursday, 8th December.

ISHIKARI MARU ... Tuesday, 20th December.

INDUS MARU ... Friday, 23rd December.

BORNEO MARU ... Sunday, 4th December.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon. Thursday, 22nd December.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon. Thursday, 8th December.

BINGO MARU ... Thursday, 8th December.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports. Thursday, 1st December.

ARABIA MARU (from Shanghai) ... Tuesday, 8th December, 10 a.m.

HAIPHONG—Via HONKOW & PAKHOL. Tuesday, 20th December, 10 a.m.

TAIKWA MARU ... Tuesday, 20th December, 10 a.m.

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| * KHIVA | 9,005 | 17th Mar. | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |
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| MOREA | 10,955 | 9th Dec. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| * GARMULA | 5,254 | 11th Dec. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka |
| KALVAN | 9,144 | 13th Dec. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| DEVANHA | 8,165 | 24th Dec. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| DELTA | 8,097 | 1st Jan. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |
| ARAFURA | 6,000 | 3rd Jan. | Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama |
| MALWA | 10,986 | 7th Jan. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| KHYBER | 9,114 | 21st Jan. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| KHIVA | 9,005 | 28th Jan. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| MACEDONIA | 11,120 | 4th Feb. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
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| KASHGAR | 9,005 | 13th Apr. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| MALWA | 10,986 | 27th Apr. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| DEVANHA | 8,165 | 11th May | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
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FREIGHT WAR.

GOVERNMENT'S CHALLENGE
TO UNION-CASTLE LINE.

Cape Town, Oct. 18.

The Government has flung down the gauntlet to the Union Castle Steamship Company in connection with the freight war between the Conference Lines and their competitors, in the form of a statement issued for publication.

This statement alleges that the action of the Union Castle Company in notifying shippers of wool and similar produce at South African ports that it is prepared to grant a freight discount of 15 per cent. providing that shippers contract to make all their shipments by vessels of the Conference Lines, not only constitutes a breach of law, but is in open violation with the terms of the Government mail contract.

The Government has accordingly notified the Union Castle Company that unless its offer is immediately withdrawn, it will have to consider giving 12 months' notice to terminate the mail contract.

Further, in order to protect shippers who decline to acquiesce in the "coercive demand" of the Union Castle Company, action will be taken under Clause 6 of the Shipping Combinations Discouragement Act of 1911 which would empower the Government to differentiate in respect of harbour charges on produce shipped in vessels belonging to the Conference Lines.

The exact method of differentiation has not yet been decided, but it will probably take the form of imposing on all produce shipped under the 15 per cent. discount scheme a surcharge at least equal to the amount of the discount allowed on such shipments by the Conference Lines.

Furthermore, the Government is considering introducing legislation to invest it with the necessary powers to penalise ships as distinct from goods.

BATTLE WITH GALE.

THREE OF CREW LOST
OVERBOARD.

The American steamer "Antinous," 10,000 tons, docked at the Surrey Commercial Docks, last month, badly battered after a 72 hours' battle with an Atlantic gale. Three of her crew were carried overboard and lost by a wave stated to be over 200 feet high, while another member of the crew had a leg broken. The captain's launch, two of the lifeboats, and the fore part of the bridge were washed away in the gale, the boats were smashed, and the rails to starboard and around the bridge were hopelessly damaged.

Captain Duncan Stuart and his crew to-day showed signs of their struggle with the gale. The members of the crew were loud in their praises of the captain. "He worked like a Trojan," said one. "For three days he stayed out in the gale, keeping us going and seeing that everything was right. He nearly broke his heart when the boat and the two men went overboard. It was an awful blow for we had weathered the worst of it by then."

According to William Oldham, an able seaman, who saw the accident, the boat, Otto Rehben, and two seamen, James Boykin and Eric Carlson, were busy plugging ventilators to stop the water getting to the grain cargo when a huge wave rushed over the side. The boat clung to a piece of timber, but although efforts were made to rescue him, the seas were so high that a boat could not be launched, and his comrades saw him washed off the timber.

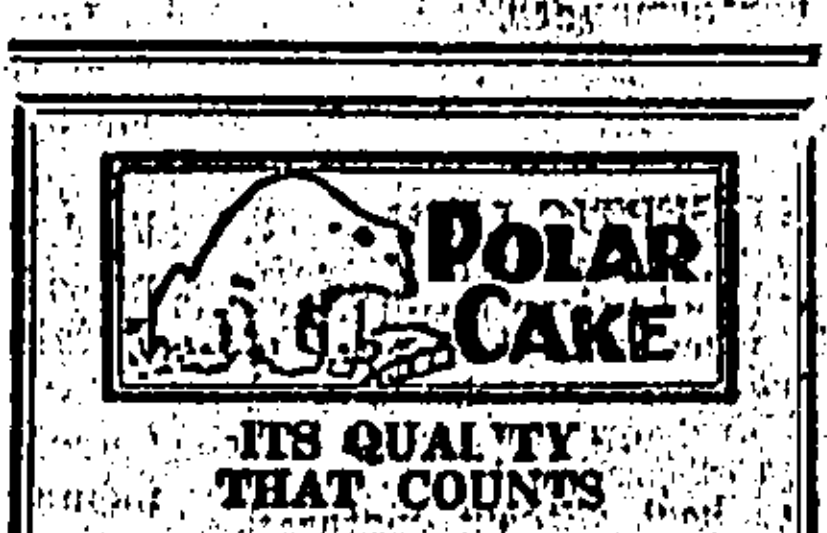
When the vessel docked, officials of the company came to congratulate Captain Stuart and his crew upon their seamanship.

WRIT AGAINST SHIP.

DELIVERY OF CARGO
CLAIMED.

Another writ has been issued in Adelaide against the American barquentine "Forest Friend," which is berthed in the Port Adelaide dock. Recently the crew issued a writ which claimed about \$59 each for wages alleged to be due. The second writ, which was nailed to the mainmast to-day was issued in behalf of Water and Morris, Ltd., and Cowell Bros., Ltd., and claims delivery of the cargo or in the alternative \$220,000, the value thereof, and damages for non-delivery and costs.

It is alleged that the cargo, which was loaded at Port Gambier, Washington, lies in the ship, and that the master has refused to unload or deliver it. Meanwhile the captain, officers and crew are hard put to it to live without money, and consignments of food are being sent to the ship by generous citizens.



VETERAN'S DEATH.

CAPTURE BY GERMAN RAIDER
DURING WAR.

Captain Peter Connal, who was well-known in the Australian coastal trade as the master of several of the Adelaide S.S. Co.'s vessels, died recently at Balmain, New South Wales. Born in Greenock in 1874, he was reared among ships, and went to sea at an early age. After serving his apprenticeship in sail he joined the Mogal Line, which operated a fleet of cargo vessels sailing out of Glasgow to all parts of the world, and was chief officer in the "Yarrowdale" when that vessel was captured by the German raider "Moewe" in December, 1916. For three years he was a prisoner of war in Germany. On his release he returned to Scotland and was chief officer of the "Gertrude" when that vessel was purchased by the Adelaide S.S. Co. in 1921. He accompanied the "Merriwa" to Australia, and subsequently commanded the "Dikera" and the "Urilla." He left a widow and a daughter.

SHIP'S FAREWELL.

COLOMBO RESIDENTS CARRIED
OUT TO SEA.

There was a rather remarkable incident in connection with the departure of the P. & O. steamer "Comorin" recently. It appears that two Ceylon residents, a lady and a gentleman, who had gone on board to bid farewell to some friends, were nearly carried out to Australia.

The visitors were below deck and were unaware that the bells had been sounded giving warning of the fact that the vessel was about to sail. The steamer put out to sea, and the pilot returned to the station. It was not till then that the visitors became aware that the ship was well under way. At 12.30 a.m. about a quarter of an hour after the pilot had returned the Pilot Station signalled to the Pilot Station that the "Comorin" was inquiring whether a boat could be sent to her. Fortunately one was available, and it went out and brought the two persons to the Pilot Station, where a launch belonging to Messrs. Carson and Co. was waiting and they were brought ashore. In consequence of the incident the "Comorin" was delayed almost half an hour.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The s.s. "Wray Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on October 15, and is expected here on Saturday.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Yokohama for Vancouver on November 25 at 3 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on Sunday.

The E. & A. Company's s.s. "St. Albans" left Sydney for this port on November 12 at a.m., with the outward Australian mails, and is due here on December 5.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" (Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R.) leaves Manila on Saturday at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on December 5 at 8 a.m. when she will berth at Pier No. 5 Kowloon Wharf. The steamer will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama, at 6 a.m. on December 7.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai, on November 19, and is due here on December 7.

The M.V. "Remo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Penang on November 28, and is expected here on December 8.

The s.s. "Calulu" (D. & Co.) sailed from Rabaul on November 30, and is expected here on December 13.

The s.s. "Corby Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on November 26, and is expected here on January 1, 1928.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th December, 1927, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th December, 1927, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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All Claims against the vessel must be presented to the Under-

signed on or before 12th December, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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From EUROPE.

THE Steamship

"CITY OF OSAKA"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Hol's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 4th December, 1927, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-

signed on or before 11th December, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

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Goods are to be left in the Godowns,

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Japanese, Capt. R. Malsul,

of the N.Y.K. steamer "Seiyo," was

fined \$250 for delaying delivery of

mails on August 28.

Passengers and crew to the num-

ber of 150 were drowned through

the foundering of a coastal launch,

and it is feared that a similar num-

ber were lost through the capsizing

of a ferry boat in the cyclone, says

the Calcutta correspondent of the

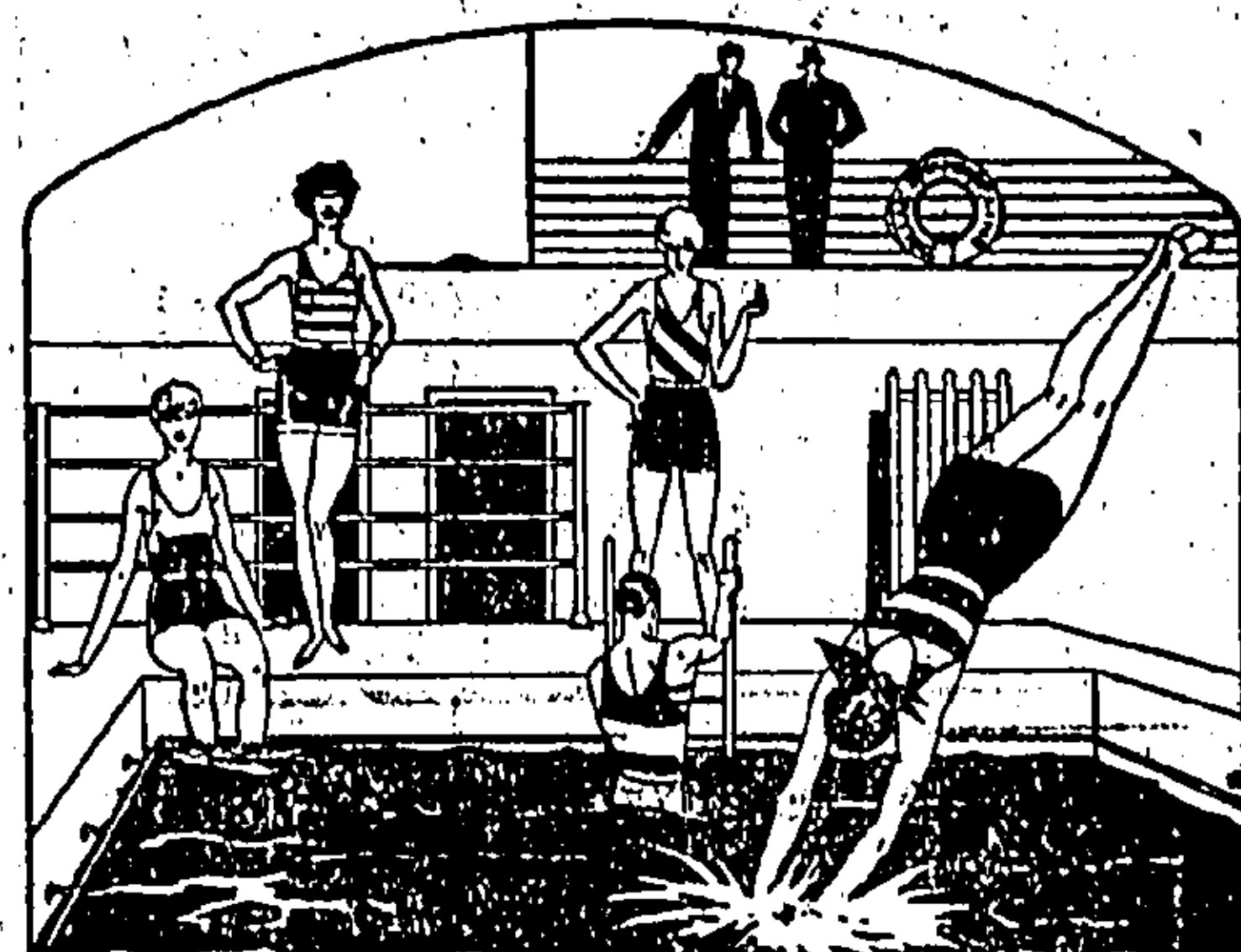
"Straits Times" in a message of

November 15. The Bombay mail

steamer for Africa was driven back

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LIMITING ARMAMENTS.

The opening day of the Disarmament Conference at Geneva has not been without its sensation if we can place in that category the lengthy statement by the Soviet delegate who advocated the destruction of all and everything making for warfare. He has promised the support of Russia for every effort in the direction of disarmament, but Soviet promises and Soviet actions are not generally quite the same thing, as the other Powers have learned to their cost, particularly Great Britain, who has complained again and again of Moscow interfering in the domestic affairs of Great Britain and carrying on anti-British propaganda outside Russian borders. No question is more important, none more fundamental to the harmonious functioning of international relations upon that basis of co-operation and goodwill which is the avowed objective of all, and which—despite the views of the pessimists—may be represented as the general trend of diplomatic events viewed as a whole over the last few years. Yet the many disappointments and delays already experienced in discussions upon the question of disarmament, whether within or without the League, have provided the necessary corrective to any undue optimism which one might be tempted to voice regarding the present gathering. The best plan in following through the work of the present Conference at Geneva is to expect little; there is the less risk of disappointment.

The first reminder of this need for caution arises from the many points of difference revealed dur-

ing the last session of the Preparatory Commission of the League. The problems confronting any body which seeks to limit naval disarmament may be grouped under two headings. First of all, it is necessary to decide what it is you are going to limit. Are you going to confine your limitation to capital ships or to cruisers, or to submarines, or are you going to content yourself with stipulating the maximum total tonnage? Secondly, having agreed upon the sphere of limitation, you have then to fix the ratio of limitation; in other words, you have to determine the relative strength of the naval armaments which will be left to the various countries which participate in the general agreement. The Preparatory Commission of the League at its last session never really advanced to this second question of the ratio. Obviously, the former is the more fundamental of the two problems, and in the discussion upon it in the Commission, a marked divergence of view appeared between Great Britain in particular, on the one hand, and France on the other. The British position was this: that in order to give real security by preventing surprises and putting an end to competitive building, it was necessary not merely to limit the total tonnage permissible to any particular country, but also to limit the naval strength "by categories." The British representatives argued that it was necessary that every country should be able to know exactly what the naval forces of another were in every particular respect—how many cruisers it had, what size each was, what guns it carried, and so forth. The French at first adopted the attitude that limitations should be confined to the total tonnage, individual Governments being allowed to distribute and arrange this tonnage as they saw fit. Eventually, however, after strong representations from the British, a compromise proposal was put forward by the French which would have accepted the principle of limitation by categories, but would have furnished no detailed information regarding the individual vessels within each category. This, however, failed to satisfy the British, and when the Commission adjourned its sittings until yesterday, the matter of naval disarmament was left in that very unsatisfactory position.

Paris, Nov. 14.—Georges Latrielle to-day in the presence of hundreds at the Louvre, slashed a painting by Rembrandt with a penknife. When arrested he offered no explanation.

MORE ROBBERIES.

MESSENGER RELIEVED OF \$3,500.

ALLEGED OFFER OF BRIBE.

A messenger employed in a Chinese shop was yesterday walking in Connaught Road Central with about \$3,500 which was entrusted to him to deliver to another shop, when near the junction of Market Street he was stopped by three robbers who relieved him of the money.

After the theft the robbers ran up Market Street and disappeared. The money was partly in Hong Kong notes, whilst about \$2,000 was in Canton National Bonds.

Later the Police arrested a man in connection with the robbery, and he will be charged in due course.

In From The Country.

Described as a musician, a Chinese was yesterday afternoon remanded by Mr. R. E. Lindell on a charge of stealing \$335 from a pig dealer, and with offering a bribe to a Chinese detective who arrested him.

The pig dealer who had recently arrived from Kwongchauwan, had visited several local dealers and had collected a sum of money. His business being completed, he was walking in Des Voeux Road on his way to his boarding house when he was suddenly struck in the face, and simultaneously the money which he was carrying in his left hand, done up in a parcel, was snatched away from him. He chased the thief who was stopped by the Chinese detective, into whose hand the accused pressed a bunch of notes when he was seized.

Further hearing of the case was fixed for to-morrow.

CORRESPONDENCE.

STANLEY BARRACKS SITE.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—The leader in your to-day's issue makes very interesting reading, and I am sure that the general public of the Colony, regardless of nationality, will heartily endorse your statements in opposing the intention of the authorities to utilise, for the purpose of erecting an educational building, the site of the early barracks built several years ago for the 50th Regiment at Stanley.

The present residents of the Colony recognise full well the great debt they owe to those pioneers of old, and maintain the greatest esteem, admiration, and honour for the gallant men. It is directly against our self-respect to have such a place desecrated by anything, even the urge of progress!

Still, personally, I feel that to leave the place as it now stands is indeed a shame! The least we can do to express our gratitude and warmest sentiments to these heroes—for, indeed, such they were—is to have the place properly cleaned up, repaired, and to have it kept in good condition. A more elaborate memorial will not be necessary. Otherwise, there are monuments and shrines which have been handed down through centuries for passing generations to witness and to worship; why should we, in this outpost of Empire, not endeavour to do our utmost to safeguard from obscurity any befitting landmarks of our history? In this connection, there is no more a place which we should like to be preserved for posterity than the charming sacred spot at Stanley.

Either the Government must see that this is done, or the well-meaning citizens of this Colony must assume the task. I think that if one or two of our prominent personages will take the initiative, Hong Kongites will most wholeheartedly subscribe to the funds necessary for the carrying out of such an important duty.

Yours, etc.

SEIGMUND.

Hong Kong, Nov. 30, 1927.

"THE BLUE TRAIN."

FAREWELL VISIT OF THE "QUAINTS."

Mr. R. B. Salisbury's "Quaints" will present "The Blue Train" at the Theatre Royal to-night and to-morrow night as two farewell performances. This musical comedy has had a most successful run in London and as brought out to the Far East by Mr. Salisbury has proved one of the most successful pieces ever staged in China.

The gorgeous dresses and new scenery of the production have been acclaimed as the best seen in the East, and these features, coupled with the delightful music and perpetual humour of the piece, should ensure capacity audiences at the Theatre Royal for the two performances.

AN ANTISEPTIC LINIMENT.

There is no danger whatever from lockjaw or blood poisoning resulting from a wound when Chamberlain's Pain Balm is promptly applied. It is antiseptic and destroys the germs which cause these diseases. It also causes wounds to heal without maturation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale everywhere.

NEW BUILDINGS.

FURTHER FALLING-OFF LAST YEAR.

SPECULATION CHECKED.

The following appears in the annual report of the Public Works Department for 1926:

Works Under the Buildings Ordinance.

In comparison with the figures published in the annual reports of recent years a further falling off in the number of plans dealing with new buildings has to be recorded. The exodus due to the strike in 1925 automatically adjusted the shortage, in housing accommodation which had been acutely felt by the Chinese prior to that event; the resulting fall in rents and the number of houses standing untenanted have checked further speculation in building.

A few cases of reconstruction under the Rents Restriction Ordinance were dealt with early in the year, and on the 30th June this Ordinance lapsed.

There was an increase in the number of plans submitted for "non-domestic" buildings and also in the number of plans dealing with alterations and improvements to old properties.

Attention is drawn to a graph embodied in the report which is of interest as indicating the number of plans approved and houses certified during the past twenty-one years, and also the rise and fall during the boom in speculation in land and buildings during more recent years.

Plans.—The following is a tabulated statement showing the number of buildings, etc., for which plans were deposited during the year, the figures for 1925 being given in a parallel column for purposes of comparison:—

| | 1925. | 1926. |
|---|-------|-------|
| European houses | 201 | 67 |
| Chinese houses | 475 | 147 |
| Buildings and Structures other than the above | 171 | 180 |
| Alterations and additions to existing buildings | 1,631 | 1,932 |
| Verandahs | 322 | 144 |
| Balconies | 82 | 38 |
| Sunshades | 9 | 36 |
| Areas | 0 | 0 |
| Piers | 4 | 9 |
| Wells | 51 | 56 |
| Total | 2,946 | 2,608 |

Supply Exceeds Demand.

As already pointed out, the year was marked by the practical cessation of speculative building in the Colony. Apart from local financial stringency, the supply of tenement houses far exceeded the demand and land owners generally evinced reluctance in fulfilling their building covenants. Many buildings, especially in the Kowloon district, remained in a state of semi-completion throughout the year, and in a number of cases measures had to be taken to remove portions of buildings rendered dangerous by continued exposure to the weather.

In cases, however, where owners were genuinely interested in building as an investment, Government rendered assistance by means of the Trade Loan, and towards the end of the year work was resumed on a great number of lots.

It is noticeable that there was an increase in the number of plans submitted under the heading "Alterations and additions." This was largely due to owners' expenditure on maintenance and improvements of old properties which, in more prosperous times, would have been demolished and rebuilt.

The number of plans deposited during the year was 1,874 as compared with 1,863 in 1925.

The number of plans approved during the year was 2,155 as compared with 2,636 for 1925.

Certificates.—The following Certificates for new buildings were issued:—

365 under Section 204 of Ordinance 1 of 1903, for 814 domestic buildings, of which 227 were European and 587 Chinese dwellings.

111 certificates were issued for 117 non-domestic buildings.

These figures show a decrease of 120 in the case of "Domestic" and an increase of 41 in the number of "Non-Domestic" Buildings.

Under the Rents Restriction Ordinance 6 Certificates (B.O. Form 91) were issued in respect of 5 houses in Hong Kong and 5 houses in Kowloon. This Ordinance lapsed on June 30, 1926.

Improvements, etc., to Public Streets.—The policy of requiring houses, when undergoing reconstruction, to be built at a higher level, where necessary, in order to provide for the future raising of certain low-lying areas in Hong Kong and Kowloon has been continued. In some cases arrangements were made allowing the ground floors to be retained at their existing levels upon owners giving satisfactory security.

LAND SALES.

ANOTHER BIG DROP IN REVENUE.

OFFICIAL FIGURES.

The annual report of the Public Works Department for 1926 states:—

Land Sales, Extensions, grants, etc.—The total amount of premia paid into the Treasury during the year was \$325,569.79 of which \$5,458.25 was derived from fees for boundary stones. The estimate for the year was \$500,000.

The revenue derived from land sales last year was:—

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Sales by Auction | \$30,370.50 |
| Sales without Auction | 55,761.18 |
| Extensions granted | 112,449.79 |
| Grants on Nominal Terms | — |
| Grants on Short Leases | — |
| Extensions of Short Period Leases to 75 years | 20,800.09 |
| Premia derived from Sale of Rights to erect piers | 1,280.00 |
| Fees for Boundary Stones to define Lots | 6,515.50 |
| Conversions and Exchanges | 94,334.20 |
| Total | \$321,511.17 |

Actual amount of premia paid into Treasury \$325,569.79 |

The totals of the premia in 1924 was \$1,950,812.38 and in 1925 \$581,160.88.

The difference between the above totals is accounted for by the payment of premium and interest in 1926, and of contributions to forming sewers, etc., in connection with certain transactions arranged during the previous year; and also failure to pay premium on transactions during 1926, refunds and re-adjustments.

Sales by Auction.—Three lots were sold in Hong Kong and two in New Kowloon which realised \$24,960 and \$1,905 respectively. No lots were sold in Kowloon during the year.

The District Officer (South) sold five lots which realised \$376.00 and the District Officer (North) sold 164 lots which realised \$3,129.50.

Sales Without Auction.—Six lots were sold under this heading in Hong Kong and realised \$51,696.40. An additional sum of \$24,330 on Inland Lot No. 2456 was paid in respect of permission being granted waiving certain special conditions of sale.

A sum of \$5,000 being contribution towards forming sewers in respect of Rural Building Lot 200 was also received during the year. There was no sale under this heading in Kowloon. Only one lot was sold in the New Territories which realised \$2,610.

The District Officer (South) sold seventeen lots which realised \$268.60 and the District Officer (North) sold 58 lots which realised \$1,186.18.

Extensions granted.—The extensions granted in Hong Kong comprised additional areas to Inland Lots Nos. 2352, 2353, 1946, 962, 2074, 1572, 2335, 2218, 2236, 2611, 2345, 156, 2429, and 2380 Sec. A, and R. P.; Marine Lot No. 269; Rural Building Lots Nos. 188, 250, 164, 202, 299, 302, 303, 304, 247, 309, and 67; Shaokwan Inland Lots Nos. 477, 508, and 500; and Aberdeen Inland Lots Nos. 101, 98, 66, 99, 43, 54, and 100.

In Kowloon, extensions were granted to Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 1426, 1292, 2058, 1526, 1472, 1468, and 1652; Kowloon Marine Lots Nos. 46, 96, 95, 28, and 27; and Hung Hom Inland Lot No. 256.

In New Kowloon and the New Territories extensions were granted to New Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 318 and 615.

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when the raising of the street is carried out.

Advantage has been taken in cases of rebuilding to require the frontages to be set back to conform to the approved lines of street widenings where such have been decided upon.

Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages.—The exceptional rainfall on the night of the 18-19th July resulted in an abnormal number of minor collapses, necessitating action being taken in no less than 100 cases.

The usual procedure was adopted in each instance, of inspecting and where necessary arranging for shoring.

In only a few cases was there need for tenants to vacate their premises.

Minor washouts occurred from private lots and lots under development. That these were not serious in large measure due to the great precautions which are being insisted upon in the nature of pro-

ST. ANDREW'S DAY

Scenes At Last Night's Ball.

LAVISH HOSPITALITY.

Scottish Dances a Feature Of Programme.

Once again the City Hall last night was filled with local Scotsmen and their guests for the chief event of the annual celebration of St. Andrew's Day—the Caledonian Ball.

Although the attendance was large, the figures fell below those of many previous years and this enabled the dancers to enjoy to the full the excellent programme of dances which continued until an early hour this morning.

The scheme of decoration throughout the whole building was original and striking and bore witness to the arduous work put in by the members of the various committees who supervised it. The entrance was laurel draped with the St. Andrew's Cross flaming high above the door and inside the use of greenery had been cunningly employed together with various light effects.

In the two main dancing rooms clan shields and standards were hung together with crosses in white and blue whilst the dais was set in St. George's Hall in front of the portrait of Queen Victoria and beneath the Union Jack and the red and blue ensigns. A portrait of Robbie Burns held the place of honour in St. Andrew's Hall while pictures of Prince Charles and Sir Walter Scott were in the ante-room and tea room all of which, together with cosy sitting out places were most effectively decorated.

Greenock Scenes. The Theatre Royal, in which excellent arrangements for coping with the diners had been made, was decorated with a profusion of colours. The stage was admirably fitted out as the room of an old time inn, overlooking a street in Greenock, the home town of Chieftain Templeton.

Prominent in an "Auchtermuchty" was a picture of Prince's Pier, Greenock and other artistic reproductions and the general effect of the decorations here was very tasteful.

The card rooms, although not extensively patronised, were comfortably set out, in fact everywhere the utmost had been done for the convenience of guests.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government received a ceremonial greeting on arrival, being met in the Baronial Hall by the Chieftain, Mr. D. Templeton, and the Committee and piped to St. George's Hall by the Pipe Band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

The dances (music being by the K.O.S.B. and Hong Kong Hotel bands), went with a swing and the beneficial effect of the Reel Club dances was to be observed in the polish with which various Scottish national dances were executed.

At 11 p.m. the official supper party made its way to the supper room preceded by pipers when the ceremony of passing round the quaff and ushering in the haggis was observed with enthusiasm.

Chieftain's Address.

After the Loyal Toast had been honoured, the Chieftain, Mr. D. Templeton, addressed the guests as follows:—

Your Excellent, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the name of the Members of St. Andrew's Society Hong Kong, and on their behalf I offer a hearty Scottish welcome to you, our friends, who have honoured us by your presence to-night and I express our appreciation for your continued interest in our Saint's Day Celebration, which celebration has become a hardy annual, marking as it does, the opening of the Hong Kong Social Season.

We trust you will have full enjoyment and find the realisation fully equal to the anticipation.

As the years roll on (since 1881 as you may have observed on entry) it is becoming increasingly difficult to find subject matter for an address, as subject matter suitable to the occasion is getting a bit threadbare—resulting as it must in vain repetition somewhat boring to the listeners.

This does not seem an opportune time for speeches, those who have supped desire to dance and those who have been dancing desire to sup and in addition the delivery of a speech is, to me, a nightmare.

Therefore to avoid boredom I am introducing an innovation at this gathering and in the place of a speech I desire to give you a Toast which I trust will be received with enthusiasm by all.

"The Land of Brown Heath and Shaggy Wood."

"The Land of the Mountain and the Flood."

"The Land of our Sires," "Scotland," "The Land we love."

Official Supper Party. The official supper party was as follows:

Mrs. Southern and the President of St. Andrew's Society, H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. Templeton, Mr. A. K. Henderson and Mrs. Luard, H.E. Major General Luard and Mrs. Pearson, Commodore Pearson and Mrs. Sutherland, Hon. Mr. Hallifax and Mrs. Macdonald, Sir Victor MacKenzie and Mrs. J. R. Wood, Col. Comyn and Mrs. Wylie, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar and Mrs. Comyn, Sir Henry Gollan and Mrs. Alabaster, Mr. K. E. Greig and Mrs. Hynes, Mr. R. Sutherland and Mrs. Jackman, Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mrs. Owen Hughes, Mr. Justice Wood and Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. G. M. Shaw and Mrs. Brearley, Hon. Mr. Hynes and Mrs. Cameron, Mr. A. Stevenson and Mrs. Macdonachie, Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mrs. Cook, Mr. P. Tod and Mrs. A. L. Shields, Capt. Morrison and Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. E. Cook and Mrs. A. Stevenson, Mr. B. Wylie and Mrs. Blair, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie and Mrs. Duncan, Mr. A. L. Shields and Mrs. McTavish, Mr. A. Ritchie and Mrs. P. Tod.

The Lancers. The party comprising the official lancers consisted of:

In the President's set, Mrs. Southern, the President, Mrs. Templeton, H.E. the Hon. Mr. Southern, Mrs. Luard, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mrs. Sutherland, Commodore Pearson.

In the Vice-President's set, Mrs. Pearson, Mr. A. K. Henderson, Mrs. Wood, H.E. General Luard, Mrs. Wolfe, Hon. Mr. Hallifax, Mrs. Jackman, Mr. R. Sutherland.

The Committees. Committees responsible for general arrangements are as follows: General Committee:—Mr. D. Templeton (President), Mr. A. K. Henderson (Vice-President), Mr. R. Sutherland (Past President), Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar (Past President), Mr. R. M. Dyer (Past President), Mr. R. Sutherland (Past President), Dr. G. D. R. Black (Past President), Mr. G. M. Shaw, Mr. D. Gow, Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. K. E. Greig, Mr. P. Tod, Mr. W. Beveridge (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. A. Ritchie and Mr. E. M. Bryden (Joint Hon. Secretaries).

Invitation Committee:—Mr. E. M. Bryden (Convener), Mr. Allan Cameron, Mr. C. J. Cooke, Mr. W. Ironside, Mr. D. R. Kinloch, Mr. R. MacLay, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie, Mr. J. J. Paterson, Mr. C. L. Sandes, Mr. A. L. Shields and Mr. E. L. Sim.

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Ladies' Cloak Room Committee:—Dr. John Morrison (Convener), Mr. R. Macgregor and Dr. M. Nicolson.

Supper and Wine Committee:—Mr. J. M. Jack (Convener), Mr. T. L. Christie, Mr. E. L. Hosie, Mr. F. M. Crawford, Mr. W. Ironside, Mr. A. W. E. Davidson, Mr. W. Johnston, Mr. J. Dickson, Mr. W. Kay, Mr. F. Edwards, Mr. W. Lawson, Mr. W. N. Fleming, Mr. J. Murray, Mr. J. C. Fletcher, Mr. W. Macfarlane, Mr. J. Fraser, Mr. G. McLeod, Mr. J. W. Henderson, Mr. D. Thompson, Mr. F. Syme Thomson, Mr. J. Watson, Mr. L. M. Whyte and Mr. A. Wylie.

Decorations Committee:—Mr. George Duncan (Convener), Mr. D. Keith, Mr. J. Kempton, Mr. C. B. Mathews, Mr. G. Murray and Mr. A. B. Ramsay.

Card Room Committee:—Mr. B. Wylie, (Convener) and Mr. G. M. Shaw.

Honorary Pipers:—Mr. P. D. Wilson, Mr. G. S. Brown and Mr. G. Nisbet.

Cenotaph Ceremony. There was a simple ceremony at the Cenotaph yesterday morning when Mr. D. Templeton, Chieftain of St. Andrew's Society, laid at the base of the monument a wreath, which took the form of a St. Andrew's cross set in a circular frame of white flowers.

Others present at the Cenotaph were Mr. A. K. Henderson, Vice-President; Mr. A. Ritchie and Mr. E. M. Bryden, Joint Hon. Secretaries; and Messrs. G. M. Shaw, R. Sutherland, B. Wylie, K. E. Greig, Peter Tod, H. M. McTavish, W. A. Stuart, J. D. Kinnaird and H. L. Carson.

Telegrams Received. Telegrams received and read were as follows:—

"Heartiest greetings frae brither Scots."—Bangkok, Ipoh, Kobe, Calcutta, Rangoon, Cebu, Sandakan, Shamen, Penang, Seremban, Singapore, Iloilo, Yokohama, Tokyo, Malacca.

Amoy:—"Lang may ye flourish." Zamboanga:—"Greetings may rafters dire."

Manila:—"Heartiest greetings tae one and a'!" Peking:—"St. Andrew's Society send cordial greetings Brither Scots."

Tientsin:—"Lang may yer lums reek." Soerabaya:—"Greetings," Murray and Ross.

Shanghai:—"Scotland for ever." W. Nicholson:—"Here tae ye." Dr. Black:—"Greetings." J. Reid:—"Heartiest greetings." A. O. Lang:—"Heartiest good wishes."

McCubbin and Kinnaird:—"Heartiest greetings Brither Scots." Lord Ellbank:—"Brother Scots s/s 'Moren' Greetings."

Sneddon:—"A' Brither Scots send hearty greetings Scotland for ever." Dyer:—"A good St. Andrew's day to you David."

Carmichael Worthing:—"Greetings from Brother Scots, Worthing." Batavia:—"Greetings frae Brither Scots."

Foochow:—"Brither Scots at Foochow heartily reciprocate greetings."

Hong Kong Greetings. Telegrams were sent to the following ports:—"Here's a hain frae Hong Kong Brither Scots" Templeton Chieftain.

Negri Sembilan Sandakan Canton (Shamen) Saigon Swatow Taingtao Foochow Calcutta Shanghai Bombay Tientsin Taipei Rangoon Peking Kuala Lumpur Ipoh Perak Batavia Malacca Soerabaya Aden Ambua (Seremban) Amoy Kobe Chefoo Yokohama Nagasaki

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Ethylene Clair plays the leading feminine role opposite Hoot, while the venerable Dan Mason assists the star in lending laughs to the picture. "A Hero on Horseback" is a screen version of Peter B. Kyne's popular story, "Bread Upon the Waters."

"DANCING MOTHERS."

The new picture at the Star Theatre to-day is "Dancing Mothers." According to the story, one night, while dancing with her youthful fiancé, Kenneth Cob, Kittens Westcott started to flirt with Jerry Naughton, an understanding bachelor. Of course Kenneth became irritated, and the more he showed his annoyance, the more she continued. In despair, Kenneth appealed to Mrs. Westcott for help, and she set out to check-mate the persistent bachelor. But on meeting him, she too, fell deeply in love, and did with her. What happened? Did the daughter just resign or did she stay to contest her mother? How did the father take it? Did he try to bring his family together? "Dancing Mothers" is an adaptation of the stage success of the same name. Conway Tearle, Alice Joyce and Clara Bow are starred as the bachelor, the mother, and the daughter, respectively.

MISDIRECTED.

LETTER RECEIVED BY WIFE BY MISTAKE.

A butler-waiter employed at a club, who was alleged to have sent to his wife, by mistake, a registered letter intended for another woman, was summoned at the Marylebone Police Court for desertion.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments. To-day—Theatre Royal: "The Quaints," present their successful musical comedy "The Blue Train," 8.15 p.m.

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "The Show."

To-day—World Theatre: "A Hero on Horseback."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Dancing Mothers."

December 4-5—Queen's Theatre: "The Flaming Forest."

December 4-5—World Theatre: "The Rainmaker."

December 4-5—Star Theatre: "The Flaming Forest."

December 5—Royal Engineers' dance, R.E. Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

December 5—Demonstration at Helena May Institute on "Japanese Flower Placing," 5.30 p.m.

December 6-7—Queen's Theatre: "Alias the Deacon."

December 6-7—World Theatre: "The Black Pirate."

December 6-7—Star Theatre: "Manhandled."

December 8-10—Queen's Theatre: "Don Juan."

December 8-10—World Theatre: "For Heaven's Sake."

December 8-10—Star Theatre: "Oh! What a Nerve."

December 9—At Theatre Royal opening performance of "Merrie England," 9 p.m.

December 10—Dance at the Peak Club with Lyric Band in attendance, 9.15 p.m.

Sports. December 3—Theatre Royal: Second Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assoc., 15 p.m.

December 3—Autumn meeting of the Fanning Hunt.

December 11—Fifth Extra Race Meeting of the International Race & Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd.

Lammerts Auction. December 6—Sale of one lot of Crown Land at Kowloon; at P.V.D. Offices, 3 p.m.

Meeting. December 21—General meeting of the Industrial & Commercial Bank, Ltd., York Bldg., 2 p.m.

Miscellaneous. To-day—"Sample Fair of Japanese merchandise at the Nippon Club, Des Vaux Road Central."

December 4—St. Vincent de Paul's "Al Fresco Fete," Cathedral Compound, Glenealy.

December 6—Sale of work in Helena May Institute, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

December 6—Free lecture on Christian Science, City Hall, 5.45 p.m.

December 7-8—Official opening of New Territories Agricultural Show at Sheungshui, at 2.30 p.m.

December 12—St. Stephen's College begins new school year.

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Political vultures from all parts of China are casting
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There are indications that help will be forthcoming for the
Kwangsi Party in their attempt, if sustained, to recover control
of the Canton Government from the Ironsides.

Military complications may affect the whole situation in
the east of Kwangtung and several armies may soon threaten
Swatow again.

The General in command at Kongmoon has declared his
independence of Canton.

The Diplomatic Corps in Peking have held more than one
meeting recently to discuss piracy, but no announce-
ment has been made so far regarding the contemplated steps.
It is understood that the Ministers are still awaiting instructions
from their respective Governments.

Full reports of the interport cricket matches are given
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LOCAL AND GENERAL, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Barcelona, Nov. 14.—A Catalan
group has signed a \$2,550,000 con-
tract with an American group for
dam construction on the River
Tagus near Toledo.

New York, Nov. 16.—Bandits
took Quilpan City, burnt down
public edifices and plundered and
cut down inhabitants. Govern-
ment troops later chased off the
bandits, killing 40.

Rangoon, Nov. 14.—The death
has occurred of Mr. Francis James
Loughlin, who recently arrived here
from Calcutta to take up the posi-
tion of Postmaster at the Rangoon
General Post Office.

Berlin.—Max Gruhl, leader of
the German Ethiopian Expedition,
states that a German firm of con-
tractors are already negotiating
with Great Britain to build a dam
at Lake Tana, and will afterwards
negotiate with Abyssinia.

The Honourable Dr. A. L. Hoops,
F.R.C.S., Straits Settlements, is
going to Calcutta with other
Malayan delegates for the seventh
Congress of the Far Eastern Associa-
tion of Tropical Medicine, sit-
ting from December 5 to 11, and
will then proceed home on leave.

London, Nov. 9.—Mr. Winston
Churchill, Chancellor of the Exche-
quer, announced in the House
of Commons that \$2,750,000 was re-
ceived for the betting tax during
the year ended October 31 last.
The amount received from grey-
hound racing was "inconceivably
small."

An officer on the staff of Gen.
Pei Chung-hsi, the Shanghai Chi-
nese Defence Commissioner, has
tendered a verbal apology to the
Japanese Consulate in connection
with the firing on the N.K.K. "Wo-
sung Maru" by the Woosung Forts,
together with an assurance that
such incidents will not be repeated.

The Soviet Commercial Fleet has
decided, with the approval of the
Moscow Government, to purchase
six steamers of about 3,000 tons
from Japan, and also to build a
large ocean-going steamer at the
Far Eastern Dockyard in Vlad-
ivostok. The steel and other mate-
rials for the steamer will be pur-
chased from Japan.

Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's intimate
friends have made a statement to
the effect that he definitely has de-
cided not to resume his former posi-
tion of Commander-in-Chief of the
Nationalist armies, but hopes to go
abroad in the near future. Mean-
while, it is of interest to note that
the position of Commander-in-Chief
has been abolished by the Military
Council in Nanking.

The Singapore agents of the
Norddeutscher Lloyd have informed
the Press that they are in re-
ceipt of a telegram from their
Shanghai agents reading as fol-
lows:—S.S. "Elberfeld" is badly
stranded near Gibraltar, will prob-
ably be a total loss. The steamer
was on her way from the Con-
tinent to the Far East and was
due in Singapore about December
18.

London, Nov. 9.—Nice: The local
lawyers are dumbfounded at a
strike of judges. A lawyer who
has been acting as a Civil Court
Judge for a considerable time re-
fused to occupy the bench because
his nomination as judge had not
arrived. The other Judges struck
in sympathy and the Court pro-
ceedings were delayed for over two
hours. The sitting of the Court
dealing with minor civil cases has
been postponed till the beginning
of December.

Penang, Nov. 23.—An explosion
occurred on a tongkong loaded
with drums of benzine in Penang
harbour. The crew cut the tong-
kong adrift and it floated towards
the shore, a blazing mass which
constituted a great danger to the
shipping in the harbour. For-
tunately the tongkong changed its
course and ran on to a sandbank.
Eight of the crew have been ad-
mitted to hospital. The cause of
the outbreak is a mystery. The
damage amounts to \$10,000.

Penang, Nov. 23.—A Japanese
oil-engined fishing boat, the "Kai-
ko Maru," picked up a bottle in the
sea off Langkawi, sixty miles north-
west of Penang, containing a mes-
sage which reads: "This bottle was
thrown overboard by Squadron
Leader Munday and Flight-Lieut.
Foster in the middle of the Indian
Ocean and we shall be glad to hear
of anybody picking it up. We are
on our way as far as Ceylon. Have
just finished with this bottle. See
you at Shanghai aboard H.M.S.
"Argus."

The Dutch ex-Consul at Zurich,
Mr. Harry Salomon, carried out
sensational experiments at Munich
under the control of officials of the
Bavarian Government. Survey, his
bare hand reacting to the presence
of metals under the soil. No ap-
paratus or divining rod was used
and his nerves reacted variously to
various metals and minerals. The
experiments were completely suc-
cessful, some minerals being dis-
covered a thousand and more feet
underground. Hear Salomon,
who has not studied geology, spent
from 1908 to 1918 in China, Japan
and India.

Rangoon, Nov. 14.—Mrs. Morri-
son, the wife of Major R. V. Morri-
son, of the I.M.S. died at the Ran-
goon General Hospital yesterday.

In 1910 there were 26,792 rickshas
in Tokyo and only 96 automobiles.
To-day there are about 8,000
rickshas and in the neighbourhood
of 13,900 motor cars.

A sale of Work done by the blind
will be held in the Helena May
Institute on Tuesday, from 10 a.m.
to 6 p.m. Mrs. J. R. Wood has
kindly consented to open the Sale.

London, Nov. 14.—Sir Basil
Blackett has arrived in London.
He declined to make any statement
before discussing the Indian Re-
serve Bank question with the India
Office.

The Shanghai Japanese press
states that claims for damage are to
be made on behalf of the Japane-
se owners of houses in Chapel
in which Nationalist troops have
been billeted.

Mr. William P. Hunt has been
appointed Agent of the United
States Shipping Board Merchant
Fleet Corporation at Shanghai. Mr.
Hunt was formerly American Vice-
Consul at Tientsin and latterly
manager of a commercial firm in
Shanghai.

Already there are strong signs of
opposition of the new Shanghai
Federation of Labour which the
Kuomintang is organising. The
Chinese papers say that about 600
local labour bodies have threaten-
ed to withhold recognition of the
Federation.



Paul von Hindenburg, President
of Germany in the full dress uniform
of a Field-Marshal. He holds the
baton carried whenever full dress at-
titude is worn. Von Hindenburg re-
cently celebrated his 80th birthday.

Kagoshima, Nov. 20.—About
twenty Chinese students at Kago-
shima vainly demanded an inter-
view with General Tang Seng-chi
yesterday. Seeing General Tang's
secretary, they presented a resolu-
tion characterising the General as
an enemy of China.

Berlin, Nov. 16.—At last night's
banquet at Vienna, the Reichs
Chancellor invited the Austrian
Chancellor to visit Berlin. Presi-
dent Hainisch decorated the
Reichs-Chancellor, the Reichs For-
eign Minister and several members
of their suite with the Austrian
Order of Honour.

John MacMurray, American
Minister to China, who left San
Francisco November 11, on the
"President Pierce," was expected to
reach Yokohama Nov. 29. On ar-
rival at Tokyo, the American Min-
ister is expected to call on the For-
eign Office and exchange greetings
with high officials, after which he
will proceed to Peking.

Mr. W. Schofield had before him
at the Kowloon Magistracy yes-
terday, a Chinese junk mistress
charged with the possession of 120
pounds of sugar, reasonably sus-
pected to have been stolen. An
adjournment was given until to-
morrow when it was intimated to
his Worship that a solicitor had
been instructed for the defence.

A coolie employed at the Naval
Hospital was yesterday charged
before Mr. W. Schofield, at the
Kowloon Magistracy with the
larceny of 2 1/2 lb. of a gar from
the Kowloon Naval Yard, where
he had been sent with a gang of
others to take delivery of stores
for the hospital. The sugar, done
up in a small parcel, was conceal-
ed underneath the accused's hat
which rested on a large bag of
sugar. The Magistrate imposed a
fine of \$25, or, in default, one
month's hard labour.

The "Berliner Gazette" considers
that the fusion of Germany and
Austria is not impossible in itself
but is so from the constitutional
point of view.

London, Nov. 14.—Cape Town:
Mr. George Loadt, the famous
South African mountaineer who was
the first to scale Kilimanjaro, fell
60 feet in a Table Mountain gorge
and was killed instantly.

Singapore, November 21.—In
the Bankruptcy Court, Sir William
Muriison (Chief Justice) ruled that
a person who is examined by the
Official Assignee in connection
with bankruptcy ought to be allowed
by the Court to be represented
by counsel.

Rangoon, Nov. 14.—Miss Daw
Me Me Khin, the first lady
to pass the Rangoon, B. L.
Examination, has been appointed
Officiating Assistant Registrar of
the Rangoon High Court. This is
the first time that the post has been
offered to a lady.

A marriage has been arranged
between William Milnes Millington,
of the Malayan Civil Service,
younger son of the late Mr. and
Mrs. Thomas Millington, of Lymm,
Cheshire, and Geraldine, eldest
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur
Preece, of 41, Cottenham Park
Road, Wimbledon, and of Dunster,
Somerset.

London, Nov. 9.—The Girl
Guides' special names and designa-
tions, from the humble "Brownie"
to the eminence of "Tawny Owl,"
and the designations of Boy Scouts,
from the "Wolf Cub" to the "Scout-
er," and their respective badges,
are now protected by an Order-in-
Council, which has just been pub-
lished in the "London Gazette."

Calcutta, November 9.—Accord-
ing to the Department of Com-
mercial Intelligence and Statistics,
the grand total of the gross Indian
sea and land Customs revenue
(excluding salt revenue) during
the month of October, amounted to
Rs. 42,000,000, as against Rs.
43,000,000 in the preceding month,
and Rs. 42,300,000 in October, 1926.

Commenting on the decision of
the Government to develop Ipoh as
the capital of Perak, the "Times of
Malaya" urges that a suburban
road system should be made be-
fore buildings are put in hand, to
prevent profiteering in land. A
sum of \$200,000 has been voted for
Ipoh town improvements and our
contemporary considers that, in
view of the failure of the F.W.D.
to "deliver the goods," the Kinta
Sanitary Board should secure a
works staff of its own.

Ipoh, November 23.—A special
meeting of the Central Perak
Planters' Association strongly
opposed the new restriction rules
and passed a resolution that the
Planters Association at the meet-
ing at Malacca in December,
should firmly dissociate itself from
the application of the new rules
on the score that the industry had
not been consulted. A resolution
was also passed to question the re-
presentative character of the Cen-
tral Restriction Committee.

London, Nov. 14.—Jerusalem: A
message from Mecca states that a
Council for Good Morals has been
established by Ibn Sa'ud to enforce
the Government edict that the
population shall not trim or shave
their beards, and must either clean-
shave the head, or else leave their
hair entirely uncut. Anyway,
European styles must be avoided.
It is also forbidden to wear gold
ornaments or silken clothes. Ibn
Sa'ud has abolished the right to
and use of, titles and decorations
awarded by Ibn al Husain.

The death occurred suddenly at
Johore Bahru on November 20 of
Mr. Thomas Dunk Bush, Financial
Assistant, Public-Works Depart-
ment, Johore Bahru. Mr. Bush,
who was only 42 years of age, had
been for 14 years in the Govern-
ment service, in which, says the
"Straits Times," he was regarded
as a most capable officer and was
held in the highest esteem. He
was apparently in his usual health
on November 18, and it is under-
stood that death was due to food
poisoning.

What is called the "grand
scheme" for permanently ending
the siltling of the Hai Ho River at
Tientsin, and a temporary scheme
which will serve this purpose
while the more elaborate work is
being carried out are contained in
a report submitted by a body of
experts to the minister of the in-
terior and subsequently submitted
by him to the generalissimo with
the strong recommendation that
immediate steps be taken to put
at least the palliative measures into
effect at once.

After a lull for weeks, a number
of Shanghai cotton mills have re-
sumed work following the settle-
ment of the Wing On case. The
seven agitators who instigated the
strike in the Wing On mill were
sentenced by the Provisional Court
to 15 months' imprisonment, each.
Agitators are still trying to pro-
long the deadlock between mil-
lowners and workers. Recently a
dozen intimidators appeared out-
side the Woosung Mill with pistols
and fired several shots at the mill
gates as a warning to the workers
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SPORTS

F. A. CUP REPLAYS.

EIGHT MATCHES DECIDED YESTERDAY.

LUTON'S NINE GOALS.

London, Yesterday. Results of matches played yesterday in the first round of the competition proper of the Football Association Cup (home team given first) are as follows:—
*Watford 1, Brighton 2
*Luton 9, Clapton 0
*Bolwell Mission 3, Peterborough 4
*Aldershot 2, Queen's Park Rangers 1
*Charlton 2, Merton 1
*Bournemouth 2, Coventry 0
*Wrexham 4, Durham 0
*Aldershot 0, Crewe 2.

* postponed from or abandoned last Saturday.

Prospects For December 12. [Note: Two more ties need to be decided to complete the first round. Brighton visit Northampton in the 2nd round on December 12; Luton receive either Poole or Norwich; Peterborough are at home to Aldershot.

After playing in a goalless draw at Merton last Saturday, Charlton will be on their own ground against Kettering in the next round. At Coventry on Saturday, Bournemouth shared four goals; now they will receive Bristol Rovers. Durham drew 1-1 with Wrexham but have now lost (playing away) by 0-4; the winners, Wrexham, will be at home to Carlisle. On their own ground last Saturday, Crewe could manage only 2-1; on strange ground, they won 2-0 and will receive Stockport in the 2nd round.]

RESULT OF INTERPORT TRIAL GAME.

Another Interport Trial game was played on the H.K.F.C. ground yesterday, the Scots Guards playing a selected side. The game ended in a win for the selected side by six goals to two.

The game was well contested, the Guards having their share of the game in the open, but their forwards failed in front of goal. There will be no trial game next week.

CRICKET.

R.A.F. v. DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

The R.A.F. played a return match with the School at Happy Valley yesterday and took their revenge in winning by 10 runs. For the R.A.F. French took 4 wickets for 21 runs and Grist took 5 for 25.

A. T. Lee was the only boy who got going with the bat and he knocked out a meritorious 44. The R.A.F. score would have been much larger but for the excellent fielding of the school.

R.A.F.

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|----------------------------------|----|
| Roe, b A. T. Lee | 2 |
| Morin, b Anderson | 3 |
| Lucas, run out | 12 |
| Grist, c Fisher, b R. Lee | 1 |
| Dudman, run out | 20 |
| Welsh, b Anderson | 6 |
| Waller, b Anderson | 1 |
| Plunkett, st. Fisher, b Anderson | 17 |
| French, c G. Lee, b Kwan | 2 |
| Rowe, not out | 1 |
| Extras | 5 |

Bowling Analysis.

| O. | M. | R. | W. |
|-----------|----|----|----|
| A. T. Lee | 9 | 1 | 24 |
| Anderson | 7 | 2 | 19 |
| R. Lee | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Kwan | 7 | 1 | 24 |

Diocesan Boys' School.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| D. J. N. Anderson, b French | 4 |
| W. H. Kwan, b French | 4 |
| F. L. Young, Saye, l.b.w., b French | 0 |
| F. R. Zimmerman, b French | 0 |
| A. T. Lee, b Grist | 0 |
| F. K. Lee, b French | 0 |
| A. S. A. Kyum, b Grist | 0 |
| J. A. Fisher, b S. S. S. S. S. | 0 |
| R. Lee, b Grist | 0 |
| A. Prata, not out | 6 |
| G. A. Lee, b Grist | 1 |
| Extras | 3 |

Bowling Analysis.

| O. | M. | R. | W. |
|----------------|----|----|----|
| French | 9 | 3 | 21 |
| Grist | 10 | 2 | 26 |
| S. S. S. S. S. | 5 | 0 | 9 |
| Morin | 3 | 1 | 8 |

CIVIL SERVICE C.C. TEAMS.

The following will represent the Civil Service C.C. in their matches on Saturday next:—

1st XI v. Royal Air Force, on C.S.C.C. ground, at 2 p.m.—G. R. Sayer (Captain), A. E. Wood, E. B. Reed, B. D. Evans, F. J. de Rome, E. W. Hamilton, T. D. E. Pendered, F. J. Ling, B. C. K. Hawkins, H. E. Strange, F. H. Holdman.
2nd XI v. H.K. Police on Police ground, at 2 p.m.—H. F. Harper (Captain), R. S. W. Paterson, R. W. Davies, W. F. J. Gorvin, A. R. Grimmit, F. H. W. Haynes, R. G. Robertson, V. H. Chittenden, A. R. Sutherland, C. Sara, P. J. O'Neill.

HONG KONG ELECTRIC V. "CHINA LIGHT."

This friendly match takes place at King's Park on Saturday. Electric R.C.—H. F. Akhurst, M. H. Arnold, S. J. Clarke, L. de Rome, T. L. Foster, C. E. Gahan, H. S. Jones, W. N. H. Murdoch, S. J. Stanesby, G. Vickers and J. R. Way (captain).

YACHTING.

INTERNATIONAL RACE ON SUNDAY.

The annual sailing match between the members of the St. Andrew's and St. George's Societies takes place at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Sunday. Teams of six a-side have been selected, and the match will be sailed in boats of the Heyward Hays, Gael and One-Design Classes. The morning race is at 10 o'clock, preparatory gun at 10.55. The teams change boats for the afternoon race, which will start about 2.30.

The President of St. Andrew's Society and the President of the St. George's Society will lead their respective sides. A bowling match between the two Societies will be played on the Yacht Club green starting at 2.45 p.m. Three rinks have been arranged. There will be a practice game in the morning at 11.30. Tiffin will be served at the Club house at 1 o'clock for both yachtsmen and bowlers, and other members or subscribers wishing to be present should notify the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. J. Vennell, of the P.W.D. (Tel. 4592) or Ah Mow at the Club House not later than Friday evening.

PING PONG.

CHINESE ATHLETIC WIN CHAMPIONSHIP.

All matches of the Ping Pong League have now been played off, the Chinese Athletic winning the Championship with an unbeaten record.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. are runners-up, having lost only to the League champions.

The South China, not having played the last of their matches, have forfeited the third place which now goes to the Hop Ying Club of Kowloon.

The positions in the League are as follows:

| P. | W. | L. | D. | Pts. |
|------------------|----|----|----|------|
| Chinese Ath. | 10 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Chinese Y.M.C.A. | 10 | 1 | 0 | 18 |
| Hop Ying Club | 10 | 7 | 3 | 14 |
| University | 10 | 6 | 3 | 13 |
| South China | 10 | 6 | 4 | 12 |
| Tutorial | 10 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| St. Peter's | 10 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| Catholic Y.M.S. | 10 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| St. Louis | 10 | 2 | 8 | 4 |

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Members' Tourney.

A Ping Pong singles tournament is now open for senior members of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. A silver cup, which must be won three times before becoming the property of the holder, has been presented to the Association by one of its members. Entries close on December 10.

CHESS.

HONG KONG TO PLAY MANILA BY RADIO.

Through the courtesy of a local radio enthusiast, it has been possible to arrange a match with Manila which will be played this evening, between representatives of the Philippines Chess Association and the Kowloon Chess Club.

Mr. C. M. Sequeira, the Colony's champion, will play for the Kowloon Chess Club, and his opponent will be Mr. Adolpho Gutierrez, of Manila. Officials of the Kowloon Chess Club will be present and a record will be kept of the match.

BOXING.

K.O.S.B. TOURNAMENT ON FRIDAY.

A Regimental Boxing Tournament will be held at Murray Barracks at 8 p.m. to-morrow by the K.O.S.B.

There will be 17 fights each of three rounds and some interesting boxing is expected. Admission will be at the Main Gate in Queen's Road and the upper gate in Garden Road and the prices of seats will be \$1, 50 cents and 20 cents.

HOCKEY.

NAVY DEFEATED THE CLUB.

A fast and well contested hockey match resulted at the Royal Naval ground, King's Park, yesterday, when a Navy team met a Club team and defeated them by two goals to one. The sailors secured the lead in the first half and maintained it to the interval. They added a second on resuming while the Club only managed to secure one.

GOLF.

The Adamson Cup competition played at Happy Valley in November, resulted in a tie between A. Goldenberg 89—16—78 and E. Clarke 97—24—78. Both qualify for the match play stages. Others scores were:—
W. McKay 95—18—77
A. J. W. Durling 101—20—81
W. H. Edwards 100—18—82
W. Kent 106—21—85

"ROSE" DAY.

RESPONSE TO APPEAL FOR RELIEF WORK.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

Few escaped the vigilant eyes of the sellers of roses to-day on the occasion of the annual effort under the auspices of St. Vincent de Paul for the Poor of Hong Kong. For the second time since the inauguration of this annual "drive" for funds, Chinese ladies assisted in the sale of roses, and other helpers brought to the cause was most gratifying to the organizers.

The efficient arrangements, aided by an ideal day and the ready response of the public, should ensure a satisfactory financial result.

A very business-like system of direction and accounting centred in the Hotel Savoy, where Chev. J. M. Alves was in charge. Here, a constant stream of workers with "empties" was attended to and, after having partaken of hospitality provided by Mr. Alves, they were despatched to carry on the campaign with renewed vigour.

The Helpers.

The following were the rose sellers according to a list made up to noon, there being then many more collection boxes to come in:—
Mrs. Todd; Mrs. Chubb; Mrs. Darby; Mrs. Sibley; Mrs. Hargreave; Mrs. Richards; Miss Betty Richard; Miss Wells; Miss Thornhill; Mrs. C. D. Marcel; Mrs. B. Brown; Mrs. O. Ballantyne; Mrs. J. H. Brister; Mrs. L. Mance; Mrs. S. H. Langston; Mrs. Benson; Miss Weill; Mrs. Scott; Mrs. Ernest; Mrs. Wallington; Madame G. D. de la Prade; Mrs. Lawless; Mrs. K. K. Kern; Mrs. J. G. Orosio; Misses Alice Roza, Aida Alves, Vera Hyndman, Stella Hyndman, Marie Hyndman; Betty Alves; Carrie Alves; Frances Schroeter; Misses V. Grossan; J. Hayes; G. Allen; V. Allen; F. Reynolds; Miss Tse; Miss Choa; Miss G. Choa; Misses Audrey Steele; M. Addison; G. Addison; T. Fullbrook; E. Johnson; L. Chue; E. Sprinkle; D. Smith; C. Grimmit; R. Perry; L. Elias; R. Pau; S. Silva; E. Carroll; T. Frith; P. Choa; L. Choa; N. Zimmerman; J. Johnson; R. Russell; R. Santos; D. Ellis; H. Grimmit; A. Chue; S. Sprinkle; Walker; T. McAsh; Gertie Bowen; Stella Xavier; Mathilda Bank; Mary Fisher; Nellie Bowen; Violet Mak; Lily Leung; Pansy Lam; Rose Yew; Li Lin-yung; Tang Yok-hing; Hou Chai-ping; Chan Yan-hing; Tseng Yok-kun; Tseng Yok-kuen; Tam Yok-chun; Tam Yok-sim; Leung Kam-yok; Fung Yok-chun; Irene Williams; Ida Roza; Grace Roza; Agnes Leung; Elfrida Barros; Beatrice Barros; Cecilia Botelho; Olga Botelho; Tiddy Pereira; Maria Pia; Gutierrez; Hilda Ulrica; Gutierrez; Mrs. Hilda Gutierrez; Mrs. Mary Chester Gill; Puraiza d'Eca; Alice Remedios; Elsa Ribeiro; Betty Ribeiro; Betty Ribeiro; Cynthia Gracia; Olga Eca da Silva; Bella Pestonji; Jeremina Pereira; Olga Ribeiro; Carmen Pereira; Beatrice Soares; Irene Jan; Noelene Royallance; Eca da Silva; Joaquim Fernandes; May Mariotti; Estelina Ribeiro; Maggie Xavier; Kathleen Maxwell; Norah Gill; Violet Wong; Lucy Li Yat-choi; Agnes Li Yat-choi; Mary Li Yat-choi; Angeline Xavier; Kathleen Tui; Annie Chau; Mary Tui; Lily Ackber; Lilian Wong; Daisy Wong; Susan Ackber; Edith Orosio; Maria Arco; Phillips Chan; Mabel Isaac; Lucy Chan; Violet Charington; Molly Young; Rosie Young; R. Xavier; Asteria Gutierrez; Alice Gutierrez; E. Kinola; Bertha Kinola; Cynthia Alves; Ena Alves; Tuti Noronha; Gloria d'Almada; H. Heito; Eva Agabner; Rosie Murphy; Esther Lee; Amelia Orosio; Anna Orosio; Olaida Remedios; Lucy Jorge; Carmelita Britto; Yolanda Britto; Carmen da Roza; Betty Sousa; Maria Figueiredo; Eliza Joaillho; Dorothy Noronha; Mercedes da Roza; Helena Souza; Eliza Fernandes; Leonora Nunes; Master Fun; Chun-tu; Yuen San-fat; Chan Fook-chor; Chui Fook-choi; Lam Yiu-wa; A. Shau; Law Chok-sun; Tam Chun-hing; Bam Ping-cheong; Ho Kai-chow; Lam Wai-yuen; Chan King-chow; Lam Mau-ling; Lai Shi-kit; Yuen Lam-chi; Siu Chung-yin; Kwok Wing-yue; Kan King-chuen; Lui Kai-hong; Chu Pak-tung; Luk Shiu-fun; Tso Kwok-fai; Wong Shun-tak; Law Tack-man; Masters T. Hargreaves; L. Cressan; C. Sorby; R. Hill; H. Tolly; Masters Yau Koon-foon; Fulk Foo-sook; Wong Wai-lun; Kwok Sik-kan; Yee Chiu-hung; Mak Ping-kan; Yan Chah-wong; Shum Chek-wong; Shu Wah-kong; Ng Bo-sang; Misses Lina Noronha; Lida Noronha; Regina Ribeiro; Igne Remedios.

Count collected up to the time of going to press is \$4,100. Many boxes have yet to be brought in. The counting of the money was undertaken by a sub-committee consisting of Miss Loureiro and Messrs. J. M. Graca, D. A. Rozario, Fred Xavier, B. Young, Li Yat-choi, A. J. Raptis and E. Alves.

MORPHIA "DEAL?"

(Continued from Page 1.)

Haynes added that Christie then took hold of a hat and imitated Bottomley drawing his liberty bonds. He then asked the witness for Au's address, but he said that Au had told him he could always be found at his Club. After more conversation, Christie said "I will make a first class graft of you, yet. The whole act depends on knowing where to stop."

On the Tuesday afternoon, the witness returned from the College and found a sealed letter in his room. It was in Christie's handwriting. He (witness) communicated with the police and handed the letter over to Sergeant Baker, and on the latter's instructions he went to Kowloon alone. He went by bus and found No. 460 shut up. Then it occurred to him that it was "feeding time" and went the rounds of the restaurants in Nathan Road in search for Christie. He found Blum in the Bombay Cafe and together they went to Victoria Gardens where they found Christie.

"Trust Jimmie."

The witness then told Christie that he had had a very straightforward chat with Au but he was not a fool. He (Au) said that not even a prince would require \$1,000 for a week's trip to Shanghai. Au wanted the cargo and was prepared to pay Blum's expenses, but he considered that \$300 was ample. He had agreed on that figure if Christie would accept. Christie said "Bring him right along, and if he has another \$100 in his waistcoat pocket trust Jimmie to get it out him. Then he (witness) went home and reported in writing to the police.

By Mr. King: Karni Din was not there on the day of the accused's arrest. There were only the two accused and a Portuguese girl who was the typist. She was told to go and have her tiffin.

In accordance with an agreement with the police, who were to come to the house at 12.15, a quarter of an hour after the witness and Au entered the house, the witness wrote a chit as follows "He (Au) has only \$300 so don't waste time." He handed this chit to Christie immediately on entering and after reading it Christie nodded. The witness then said to Christie that Au was prepared to do business but would only part with \$300 and asked Christie if he would accept it. Christie agreed. Then there was the question of a receipt. Christie wrote out a draft and asked the witness to type it. Then Au asked him (Haynes) to sign the receipt as a witness. Then the witness said "What about a stamp" and Christie wanted to send Blum out to buy one, but realizing that that would spoil the plans of the police who were due in two minutes, the witness said "make do" whereupon Christie handed over five coppers for Au to buy a stamp later. After this there was the sound of cars stopping outside, and Au taking three \$100 notes from his pocket handed them to the witness who in turn handed them to Christie. Simultaneously there came a knock on the door and Christie put the notes in his pocket without having time to look at them. Christie then told Blum to open the door and C. D. I. Reynolds and the police came in.

By Mr. King: Before the witness typed the receipt, Christie told Au to keep in touch with the witness and he would hear from Christie when the morphia arrived. Christie repeated that he would deliver the drug anywhere except a Chinese hotel. It was agreed by Christie that this lot was definitely to be 10 kilos, but he said to Au "If you want more next time, can do."

Cross-Examination.

Mr. Leask (for the defence) then started his cross-examination of Haynes.

Mr. Leask's first question was what qualification Haynes had to describe himself as a school teacher. Haynes replied "Brains, I suppose."

Pressed for an answer, Haynes said that he had had experience which was recognised by the Board of Education.

Answering another question, Haynes admitted that he failed in the London matriculation examination. He proceeded to say that he was at Oxford when the war broke out and he ran away and joined the Army at the age of 16.

Replying to further questions Haynes said that he never did any Company promoting.

Mr. Leask: Do you know a man named Anever?—To my sorrow, yes.

Haynes proceeded to explain the circumstances under which he met the man. He said that he went home in 1921 and answered an advertisement of employment with investment inserted by Anever, and after the interview his father invested £2,000 in a firm called the Anglo-Chinese Trust and Mercantile, Ltd., which was registered in London. The witness could not say if it were registered in Hong Kong.

Mr. Leask: Do you know a Hum-

phrey and Denman Company?—Yes, it was run by Anever in the same place as the other firm.

Charge of Conspiracy.

Replying to another question, Haynes admitted that he was arrested on an alleged charge of conspiracy with Anever, and it cost his father £1,300 to get him out.

Mr. Leask: Were you convicted?—Yes, I got six months, but I appealed.

Asked the result of the appeal, Haynes said that the conviction which was by a jury was not upset, but his sentence was allowed to start from the time he was first detained by the police, with the result that he did only 17 days. Haynes added that the Lord Chief Justice said at the appeal that there was never any suggestion that he (Haynes) had received any of the money.

Experience in Shanghai.

Led by Mr. Leask to his residence in Shanghai, Haynes said that he was in journalism with the "Mercury" and left because he had a row with a Mr. Davis.

Mr. Leask: I suggest that there was a question of embezzlement?—Certainly not.

Haynes proceeded to explain that he wrote an editorial attacking the "China Press" and as the result of the row which followed he was dismissed.

He brought an action, but did not proceed with it because within 12 hours he secured a better job as sub-editor with Reuters.

First Meeting Recalled.

Coming to his first meeting with Christie, Haynes said that Christie sent a man named Knight to him and said that he (Christie) would like to meet witness as he knew some of his friends in England. Witness met Christie in his room at the Kalee Hotel.

Mr. Leask: I suggest that it was on your suggestion that you were introduced to Christie?—I deny that.

Haynes said in reply to another question that he knew the house at No. 10, Park Land, Shanghai, where Christie lived. He had been there only on five occasions to settle a cheque transaction. Christie had gone to his (Haynes's) commodore and, he alleged, in the guise of his friend had cashed a false cheque for \$30. Haynes also admitted that he took a house in Avenue Haig where he lived for some time. He denied that he had asked Christie to share it with him.

Mr. Leask: About June 8 or 9, your bankers were the P. & O. Bank?—Yes.

And you had some trouble with them?—No, I never had even an overdraft.

Haynes, however, admitted that he had issued one post-dated cheque, but that was paid.

Replying to a suggestion by Mr. Leask that he had borrowed \$450 from Christie to start an account with the American-Oriental Bank, Haynes described it as "fiction."

Mr. Leask: At this Christie refused to give you the money, as he said that he was going to Slam?—Pure fiction. He disappeared suddenly from Shanghai and no one knew where he went.

Mr. Leask: Do you know that Christie has a mining concession in Slam?—No.

You say it is fiction. If I produce the deed would you admit it?—I am not saying it is fiction. I don't know if he has one or 20 concessions.

Mr. Leask: When Christie refused to lend you the money you said "I will never forget this, I thought that we were friends."

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"LIBERIA'S BIT."

COURAGEOUS DEFIANCE OF A U-BOAT.

STIRRING STORY.

"There is a common tie and bond of sympathy between Great Britain and Liberia dating back to 1847," said His Excellency the Hon. Charles Dunbar King, the coloured president of the republic, before his departure from Liverpool after his tour of Britain. "Liberia eighty years ago joined the comity of nations and has largely been called upon to shape her destiny alone," he added. "I believe Great Britain does not comprehend the progress Liberia will make in the next fifty years. I believe West Africa will become one of the main trade centres of the world."

The President recalled a stirring incident during the war, in which the loyalty of Liberia to the Allies was put to the test. "One morning," he said, "a German submarine appeared in the harbour, and her captain and some of the crew came ashore. He said, 'Your allies have deserted you, as they have all small nations in time of need, and we are assured you will get no assistance. We ask you to comply with our demands to hand over all British and French subjects, to dismantle the French wireless station, and to hand over the Bank of West Africa.'"

"We got into communication with Washington and London and received the reply that no immediate assistance could be sent," continued the President. "We were absolutely defenceless, but we gave an emphatic 'No' to the German captain. I said, 'We will not deliver up our Allies; do your worse. Here is our city; we will die with honour.'"

The President added that the captain returned to his ship, and fire was opened up from the submarine with the object of wrecking the wireless station. All the women and children were sent up country for safety, but the casualties included a mother and two little children who were trying to shelter. It was as if by the intervention of Providence a British warship, commanded by Capt. Yardley, appeared and shortly afterwards engaged the German craft, which disappeared beneath the surface.

AIR PORT CASHIER.

DEATH OF MR. F. W. A. WARMAN.

Karachi, Oct. 23.—The death occurred here on Saturday night of Mr. Frederick William Arthur Warman aged 48 years, cashier and accountant of the Armstrong Construction Co., who are carrying out the construction of an airship shed at Karachi Air Port. Deceased was a well-known Christian Scientist with a large circle of friends.

The funeral took place this evening and was attended by several air ministry officials and the employees of Armstrong Construction Co. Dr. Mark Sallisbury conducted the burial service according to the Church of England rites, after which a special Masonic service was conducted at the graveside.

The late Mr. Warman recently became a Freemason and was present at the annual installation of the Chapter Hope on Wednesday last.

In deference to medical advice he booked a passage to England on Friday and was due to sail from Karachi to-night. Cerebral malaria has been certified as cause of death.

CABIN BOY TO MAYOR

HONOUR FOR NORWICH REPRESENTATIVE.

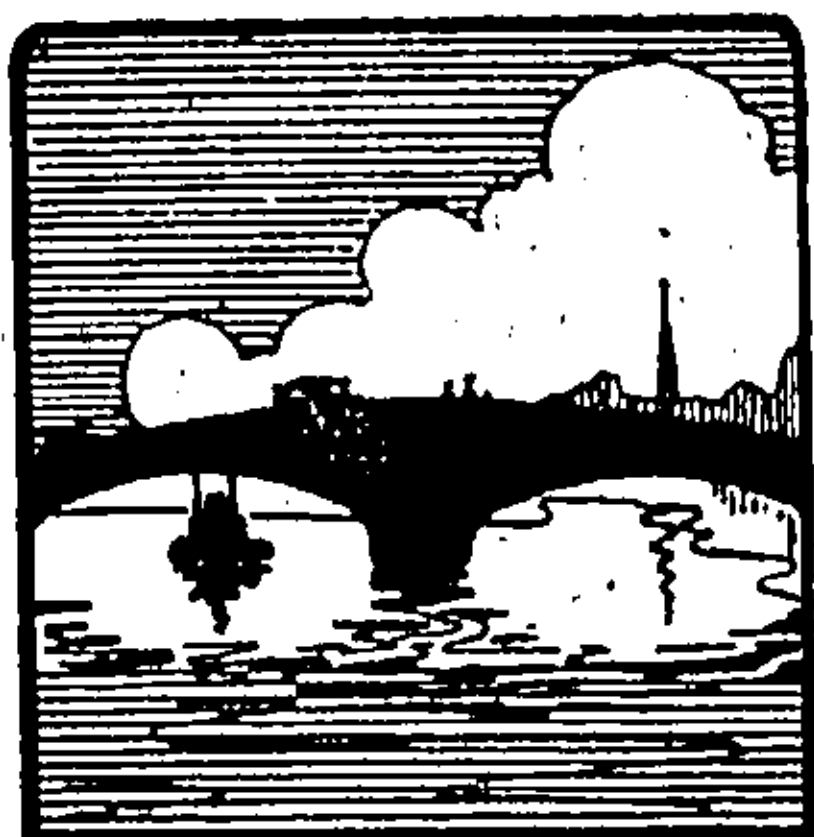
Following a recent decision of the Norwich City Council to pay a salary of £400 a year to its Lord Mayors, Alderman H.E. Witard has been designated to that office for next year.

Born at Norwich, one of a large family, Mr. Witard was left fatherless at six years of age. The circumstances of the household were such that he had to leave school at the age of twelve. A year later he was cabin boy on a Yarmouth fishing-smack.</

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INDIAN'S CAREER.

Basil Mathews writes in
"Overseas":—
At Lausanne in August a
brown, athletically built Indian,
whose black hair, clear eye and
vigorous speech bore all the
marks of youth, challenged Arch-
bishops and Bishops, Metropol-
itans and Moderators, to take
strong decisive steps towards
unity.

This man, Dr. Vedanayakam
Samuel Azariah, the first Indian
ever to be raised to a Protestant
bishopric, is the grandson of a
Hindu merchant. His father, be-
coming a Christian, was ordained
a clergyman and worked for the
Church Missionary Society.
Bishop Azariah blends the energy,
critical spirit and sturdy judg-
ment of his business forebears
with a strong vein of mysticism
and a social enthusiasm for the
oppressed and outcastes.

A graduate of Madras Univer-
sity, he won his spurs young as
Secretary of the Student Chris-
tian Movement in India, and as
Secretary of the National
Y.M.C.A. there. Wide travel and
meeting with people of many and
varied types broadened and
strengthened his experiences.
First he went to Japan, to re-
present India at the World Con-
ference of the Student Christian
Movement, and then west and
north to the World Missionary
Conference at Edinburgh, where
the writer first fell under the
spell of his reasoned and con-
vincing power of speech.

In the next year, the step that
then seemed so sensational took
place. He was consecrated
Bishop of Dornakal. Many proph-
ets of disaster shook their
heads in pessimistic warning:
"An Indian cannot administer a
diocese"; "White men and clergy
will not work under him." The
amazing triumphs of the next few
years routed these Jeremiahs of
ecclesiastical inter-racial woe.

TICKLING THROAT.

Did you ever have that nerve-rack-
ing experience caused by a bit of
croup or phlegm that stubbornly re-
fuses to be dislodged, but tickles and
tickles until it sometimes almost
strangles? Just a few sips of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy, swallowed
very slowly and allowed to glide down
the throat, will stop that tickle and
at once give you immense relief. Try
it that way too for hoarseness,
bronchial and other coughs. For sale
everywhere.

In the years between then and
now, the Christians in his diocese
have risen from 50,000 to between
150,000 and 200,000, with to-day
10,000 new converts on the aver-
age coming in each year. An
enthusiast for education, Bishop
Azariah has secured in that
period the training of over 1,500
Indian teachers. No less than
ninety despised outcastes have
been trained, equipped and ordain-
ed for the ministry. European
missionaries entirely controlled the
pastoral work in those days.
To-day Indian priests preside over
parish and district councils, lead-
ing up to a diocesan council, over
which Bishop Azariah himself is
chairman.

His greatest achievement lies
in the miracles worked among
the despised outcastes. He has
himself demonstrated the base-
lessness of the sweeping critical
generalisations often made
against Christian servants
in India. The remarkably
changed attitude of the
Soudras, the caste people, for
whom the outcastes work as agri-
cultural labourers, is a clear evi-
dence of this kind. Dr. Azariah
says:—

The most unqualified tri-
butes to the power of the
Gospel have come to me from
the Soudras, who have observed
the change in the habits and
characters of their Christian
farm labourers. Some of the
bitterest enemies of Christian-
ity have become its staunchest
friends after the conversion of
their own servants. Instances
abound of landlords who have
given higher wages to Chris-
tian labourers because of their
honest work, and of others
who come to the Christian
Harvest Festival because of a
genuine interest in the worship
of their Christian dependants.

"There is a village where the
caste people for over six years
have worshipped no idols, have
offered no sacrifices and have
observed no Hindu festivals.
'We offer prayers and praises
to your God only,' they said re-
cently to the pastor. Many of
them have given up drink and
foul language through the
example of their Christian
serfs. 'We are ashamed to do
this now,' they said, 'when we
see these people living clean
and respectable lives!'"

Bishop Azariah wears no Occi-
dental episcopal gaiters, but goes
normally in a simple purple cas-
sock, Eastern in its origin. He
goes among his people singing re-
ligious lyrics and songs, the thou-
sand-year-old traditional method
of popular teaching in India. He
has himself written dramas of

the stories of Amos, Jeremiah
and St. Paul. These plays, re-
inforced with music and costumes,
bring home even to outcastes
who cannot read, the essence of
spiritual truth.

And the power of his personal-
ity and his plea for unity at
Lausanne, as on many platforms
in England this summer, is im-
mensely reinforced by the fact
that he stands a strong, sane,
Nationalist Indian Christian lead-
er who asks the West why it
should impose its ecclesiastical
divisions on the East, and in
doing so challenges those divisions
with a subtle and penetrating
eloquence in their own home.—
"Overseas."

LONDON UNIVERSITY

SOME NEW PROFESSORS THIS TERM.

Although the title of professor
is less exalted in England than in
Scotland, the arrival of a new pro-
fessor or the elevation of an assist-
ant to the status of professor is
regarded as something of an event
on both sides of the Tweed. This
term there are four new professors
in London University. One, a
woman, and an Aberdonian, Miss
D. L. Mackinnon, takes the Chair
of Zoology at King's College. At
one time (1908-9) she was Assis-
tant to Professor J. A. Thomson
at Aberdeen University. She has
taught at University College, Dun-
dee, and since 1919 has been on the
Zoological staff at King's College,
London.

Professor E. H. Kettle goes to the
Chair of Pathology at Bart's. He
was a student at St. Mary's Hospi-
tal. He has taught at St. Mary's
and at the Cancer Hospital. His
first Chair was that of Pathology
and Bacteriology in the Welsh Na-
tional School of Medicine, Cardiff,
which he held from 1924 till he
came to London again this term.

Dr. Bronislaw Malinowski, of
Cracow, who has been Reader in
Social Anthropology since 1923, has
been appointed Professor of An-
thropology at the School of Econo-
mics. His original work has been
mainly concerned with savage so-
ciety.

Dr. A. W. Reed, of King's College
and of the School of Economics,
has had conferred on him the title
of Professor of English Language
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Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the Crown, and, after outlining the circumstances of the case which had already brought out at the inquest, he suggested that the only explanation was that the accused's mind had become deranged through worrying about his daughter's health, his affection and anxiety being the cause of his temporary insanity. It was also stated that when the accused was taken to the Government General Civil Hospital by Dr. Macgregor, he later found that the accused was "out of his mind and violent." He became rational only after three or four days in the hospital. He was now sane.

After the Magistrate had heard the evidence, the case was adjourned.

St. Francis Hotel, on the site of the old Astor House Hotel in Des Vœux Road Central, was opened this morning under the proprietorship of Mrs. Cameron, whose former activities in connection with the Carlton Hotel, Claremont Hotel and St. George's Hotel are well known to residents and visitors alike.

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